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UNDERSTANDING YOUR OPTIONS

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When it comes down to it, carrying a firearm for self-defense is a very personal choice.

When you make this decision, you choose to take on the responsibility of being armed and for protecting yourself and those you love. This is not a simple charge to take on, but rather one that requires deep thought and thorough preparation. Such a decision cannot be taken lightly and requires careful deliberation and consideration.

To those who are just getting into the topic of personal defense and being armed, the matter may seem as simple as just picking a firearm. While there are many more considerations to make beyond this one choice, let's examine it for the moment. So, you have decided to carry a handgun for self-defense. What type? Revolver or semi-auto? Do you want a double-action/single-action or a double-action-only revolver? How about in a semi-auto? Do you want a hammer-fired gun, a striker-fired gun, a double-action/single-action or a pure single-action option? What chambering will you choose? Do you want a tiny and compact .32 ACP, or do you want to pack .45 ACP in the smallest package possible? The question is not as simple as it may have first seemed, is it?

Once you make this important decision, you then move on to the related considerations that must be addressed. What ammunition will you load in it? What practice ammunition will you run through the gun? Where will you carry it and how? Will you use a belt, inside-the-waistband, pocket, shoulder or ankle holster? When and where will you carry? These questions are even tougher than the first choice of the handgun, are they not?

And finally, once you have all of these questions answered, how will you train for when you might need to employ your selected self-defense handgun? Do you have the proper techniques and tactics (as well as mindset) to survive a potential life-or-death conflict?

Well, you have come to the right place with this copy of *Pocket Pistols* magazine. Within the pages of this magazine, you will find a thorough roundup of the newest and best guns, gear and accessories for the discerning pocket pistol buyer. From the newest and greatest pocket guns to deeply researched and detailed roundups of accessories, this issue is designed to provide you with all the info you need to make the right decision. Want to know what guns are available on the market today? Then take a look at our buyer's guide, which details the best options you can acquire. Want to make sure you know all of the best holster systems available? Then read our roundup of the top holster options for today's discerning buyer. Want in-depth reviews of the newest and best pocket guns you can buy? Then take a look at the many articles reviewing today's most exciting offerings.

Whether you are looking for a classic wheelgun or the most cutting-edge autopistol that today's engineers can develop, this magazine is the place to look. Armed with the information provided within these pages, you should be well equipped to make the smart decision on the right gun and gear for you. Thanks for reading!

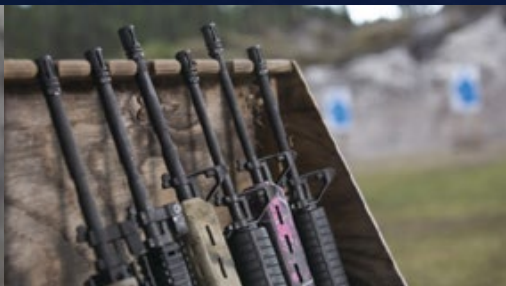
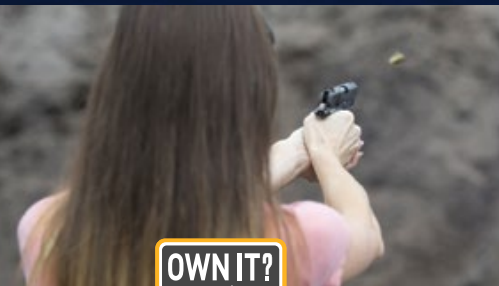
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CONSTANT COMPANIONS



Choose the right pocket pistol to ensure you can defend yourself when the chips are down!

BY MICHAEL JANICH

Recently one of my best friends told me that he had gotten his concealed-carry permit—for the second time.

To be clear, he had not renewed his permit, but had gone through the process all over again after letting his first permit lapse. Interestingly, his reasoning for both actions was directly influenced by today's breed of pocket pistols.

When Matt first got his CCW more than 10 years ago, he was already a very good shot with the full-sized pistols he owned. To his credit, he supplemented his marksmanship skills with tactics training to make sure he was prepared for the responsibility of carrying and potentially using a gun in the real world. He even invested in a custom holster for his chosen carry gun that was fine tuned to his physique and style of dress. However, when he put all the pieces

together and began to carry on a daily basis, he discovered what many of us have also learned the hard way: Carrying a full-sized handgun concealed isn't easy.

The fact that his job required lots of physical movement made that challenge even tougher. Soon his custom holster was joined by an ever-growing collection of other holsters in a never-ending search to find the perfect carry position. Like many shooters, the frustration of this process eventually got

Jeff Rose photos





Today's state-of-the-art pocket pistols make it easy for you to stay well armed at all times so you can counter a surprise attack.

the best of him, and he stopped carrying altogether and let his CCW permit lapse.

My friend had always been a firm believer in full-sized fighting pistols—especially the 1911 platform. Although he was reluctant to sacrifice ballistic performance for the convenience of a smaller-sized pistol, he couldn't ignore the fact that the advances in handgun design over the past 10 years have clearly bridged that gap. Today's pocket pistols are an impressive synthesis



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of big-bore stopping power and compact size. They were also exactly the tipping point he needed to rekindle his commitment to carrying concealed. After thoroughly researching the market and narrowing his choices, he found a pistol that gives him the performance he demands in a package that comfortably fits his wardrobe, lifestyle and habits.

To his credit, finding the right gun—and later the right holster—was only part of the process. Before he even considered applying for his CCW again, he invested in a pile of ammo and set up a regular schedule of visits to the range. He found that although his new gun carried much easier than his pet 1911, its smaller size made it more challenging to shoot well. That meant more range time before he felt he could shoot the gun well enough to carry it responsibly. Then and only then did he submit the paperwork for his permit.

This path of discovery is an excellent template for anyone considering carrying a pistol for personal defense. First, find a gun that fits you, your style of dress and your lifestyle well enough that you will actually carry it regularly. The modern breed of pocket pistols makes this process very easy, offering an entire spectrum of handguns in shapes, sizes

Today's pocket pistols are an impressive synthesis of...stopping power and compact size.

and calibers to fit virtually any preference.

To make your carry gun an integral part of your daily dress and routine, you also need to invest in a good-quality holster that dovetails with your wardrobe and provides consistency as your style of dress changes with the seasons. Here again, the advantages of true pocket pistols shine. Pants pockets are one of the few fashion elements that remain consistent during the change from warm weather shorts to jeans to a suit and tie. As such, they are a natural home for a pocket-

sized pistol nestled in an appropriate holster that protects the gun, aids concealment by masking its outline and keeps it oriented in a consistent, easy-to-access position. It's a good idea to "test drive" your carry position around the house for a while before you begin to carry in public.

The next and most important phase of the process is to shoot your pocket pistol—a lot. Smaller guns are lighter and offer less surface area to grip than full-sized pistols. They also have a shorter sight radius than larger guns and don't point as naturally. All of these factors make them more challenging to shoot, so you need to invest extra range time to learn to shoot yours well. Make your range sessions challenging, but keep them relevant to the conditions of realistic defensive shooting.

Once you are confident in all the component parts of your pocket pistol carry strategy, put them all together and make the commitment to carry regularly. As you gain experience, continue to refine your personal approach to carry and make it an integral part of your daily life. Above all, keep practicing. Remember, the gun you carry the most should also be the one you shoot the most. Train hard, and stay safe. **PP**

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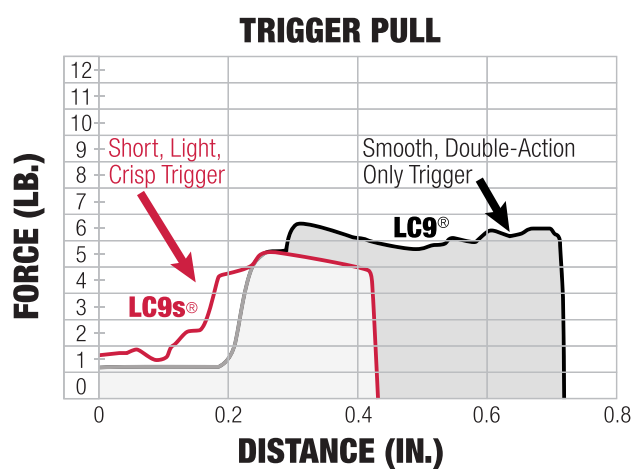
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**Enhanced, polymer-framed 9mm that
refines the classic XD series!**

BY DENNIS ADLER



The XD Mod.2 in 9mm incorporates a newly engineered grip surface, redesigned slide and frame contours and next-gen features proven in Springfield Armory's ultra-compact, concealment-ready XD-S 9mm and .45 ACP series.

ARMORY XD MOD.2

The Springfield Armory Sub-Compact XD chambered in 9mm has been ideal for CCW use since it was introduced back in 2003.

The revised 2015 version, designated as the Mod.2, takes everything about the XD Sub-Compact that made it desirable and improves upon it with refined contours, a new grip-to-hand interface and the superb front and rear sights developed by Springfield for its latest XD-S models.

At the heart of the Mod.2 is a new multi-surface grip texturing molded into the grip strap, which is called the GripZone. Springfield's new design has varying surface textures, a concept based around the dynamics of the human hand. The three-quarter panel, where the palm swell and first joint of the fingers wrap around the grip, is the most aggressively textured for a firm, tactile hold. The front and rear surfaces are the second-most aggressively textured, where the palm and the insides of the fingers grasp the pistol. Combined, the front, rear and three-quarter panels make the Mod.2 less prone to torque, wrench or lever during recoil. The third surface is a lightly textured grain that extends from the side panels to the entire frame. Additionally, the Mod.2 triggerguard is rounded at the front like the new XD-S models, rather than squared off like earlier XD versions.

In addition to slimmer, more rounded contours, the new slide boasts several improvements including new rear serrations that Springfield calls the "Posi-Wedge Slide Serration." This deeply recessed design with five grooves helps reduce the chance for slippage when racking the slide. The single most import feature of the new slide design, however, comes from replacing the original white-dot sights with the latest XD-S red fiber-optic front sight and a combat-style white-dot rear. This combo on the Mod.2 makes the pistol faster to get on target under varying lighting conditions and extends the sight radius by 0.5 inches.

With the XD's grip angle, high-hold beavertail and grip safety working in concert with Springfield's Ultra Safety Assurance (USA) blade trigger safety, the Mod.2 takes

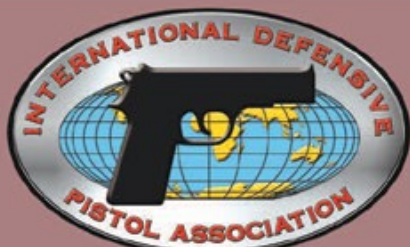


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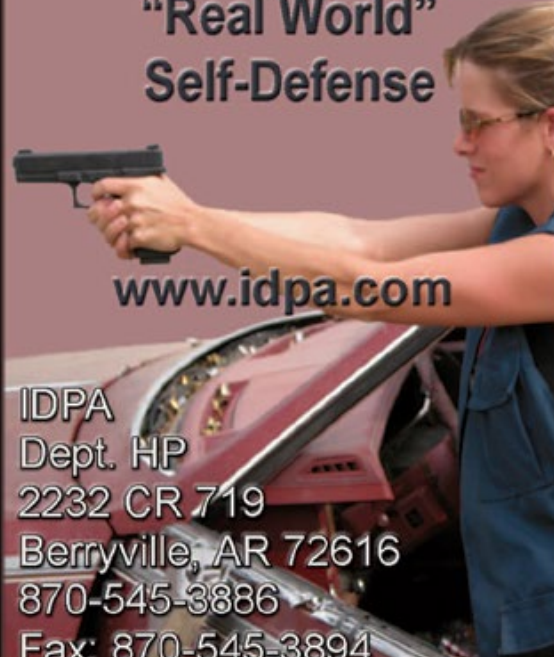


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nothing away from the previous XD Sub-Compact design, but adds features that bring this established Springfield model up to par with the latest XD-S series.

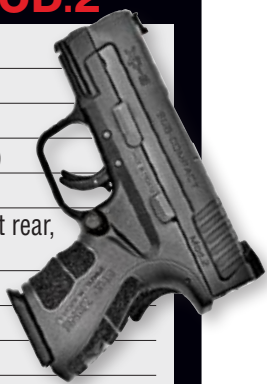
Range Workout

The Mod.2's staggered, flush-fitting magazines hold 13 rounds, giving the Sub-Compact an impressive 14-round capacity. Tipping the scale at 26 ounces (unloaded), the XD Mod.2 in 9mm measures 6.25 inches in length, 4.75 inches in height, from the base of the magazine to the top of the low-profile combat rear sight, and 1.125 inches in width (including slide, frame and slide-release lever). In short, it is a pretty small gun for a 14-round 9mm. Springfield also offers an extended-capacity magazine for the Mod.2 that adds another three rounds, for a 16+1 capacity and a longer grip (with the magazine's X-Tension) that increases height to 5.5 inches. There will also be a matching Mod.2 chambered in .40 S&W with a 9+1 standard capacity and 12+1 with the extended magazine.

Trigger pull on the test gun averaged 5.3 pounds. For subcompact handguns with barrel lengths of 3 inches, standard target distance is 15 yards. For the XD Mod.2, 9mm ammo selection was Sig Sauer's Elite Performance 124-grain V-Crown jacketed hollow-point (JHP), Speer Gold Dot 115-grain HP and Hornady Critical Defense 115-grain FTX. The new XD Mod.2 in 9mm balances well in the hand and stays put as intended with the GripZone texturing. Recoil proved moderate, as is usual for the XD's dual recoil spring design, and sight reacquisition was notably easier with the XD-S-style red fiber-optic front sight. All hits scored five points on the Speedwell B-27 target placed in front of a Target Shooting Solutions 36-inch-diameter BCS-36 Bullet Trap. Best groups averaged from 1.27 to 1.70 inches.

SPECIFICATIONS

SPRINGFIELD ARMORY XD MOD.2



Caliber:	9mm
Barrel:	3 inches
OA Length:	6.25 inches
Weight:	26 ounces (empty)
Grips:	Polymer
Sights:	Low-profile combat rear, fiber-optic front
Action:	Striker-fired
Finish:	Melonite
Capacity:	13+1/16+1
MSRP:	\$549-\$616

PERFORMANCE

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Hornady 115 FTX Critical Defense	1,110	1.70
Sig Sauer 124 JHP Elite Performance	1,059	1.27
Speer Gold Dot 124 HP	1,121	1.70

Bullet weight measured in grains, velocity in fps chronograph and accuracy in inches for best five-shot groups at 15 yards.

A step up in caliber and size for CCW use is never a bad idea if you can handle the gun and its concealment demands. This latest XD Mod.2 from Springfield makes both tasks easier to manage by providing all of the company's latest features into a gun that has been proven in the field for over a decade. The new XD Mod.2 in 9mm delivers impressive capacity, respectable stopping power with defensive ammunition, ease of use and ease of carry. There isn't a lot more one can ask for, and it all comes at a price that seems more than reasonable for what this gun delivers. For more information, call 800-680-6866 or visit springfield-armory.com. **PP**

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The holster is pictured with the new XD Mod.2 in 9mm equipped with the 16-round X-Tension magazine. Suggested retail for the Combat Master is \$86. (galcogunleather.com; 800-874-2526)

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BY DENNIS ADLER **New and top-rated compacts for reliable, on-the-go defense!**

Concealed carry, like the term “pocket pistol,” is open to various interpretations. The only constant to either is that no one should be aware that you are carrying concealed. Achieving that goal is established by three pre-

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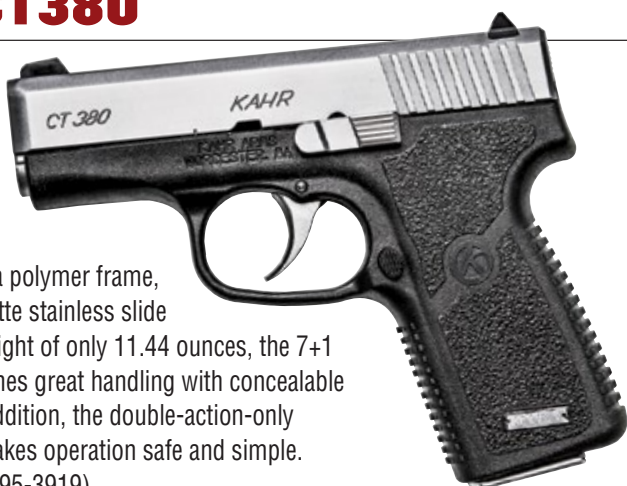
Chiappa MC 14 .380

The MC 14's double-stack magazine holds 13 rounds, almost twice that of most .380 ACP pistols on the market. The Chiappa is somewhat big by modern .380 ACP standards, measuring 6.8 inches in length, 5.17 inches in height and 1.34 inches in width. The double-action/single-action (DA/SA), hammer-fired .380 ACP has heft at 24 ounces, fills the hand, points naturally and delivers excellent performance. (chiappafirearms.com)



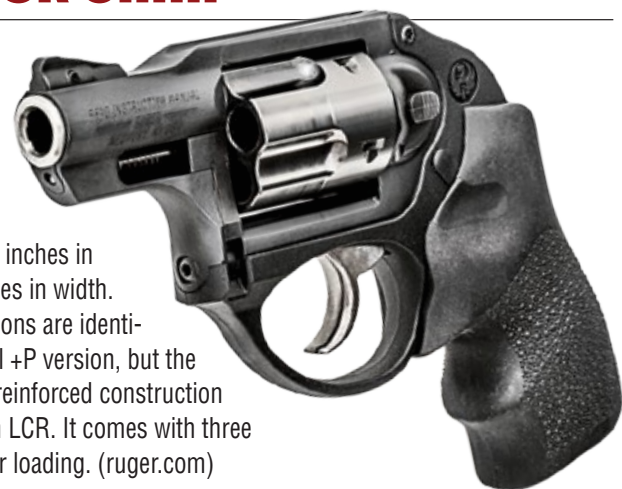
Kahr CT380

Packing .380 power into a compact and affordable package is the new CT380 from Kahr Arms. Featuring a polymer frame, 3-inch barrel, matte stainless slide and an empty weight of only 11.44 ounces, the 7+1 autopistol combines great handling with concealable dimensions. In addition, the double-action-only (DAO) system makes operation safe and simple. (kahr.com; 508-795-3919)



Ruger LCR 9mm

The new Ruger LCR in 9mm tips the scales at 17.2 ounces, measures 6.5 inches in length with a 1.875-inch shrouded barrel, 4.5 inches in height and 1.28 inches in width. The exterior dimensions are identical to the .38 Special +P version, but the 9mm has the same reinforced construction as the .357 Magnum LCR. It comes with three moon clips for easier loading. (ruger.com)



Springfield Armory XD Mod.2

The Mod.2 is an upgraded XD Sub-Compact with refined contours and the new GripZone multi-surface texturing. The 3-inch-barreled XD Mod.2 features a new contour to the polymer frame and a new slide design, making it a more refined pistol that is easier to handle. Weighing 26 ounces unloaded, the Mod.2 measures 6.25 inches in length, 4.75 inches in height and 1.19 inches in width. (springfieldarmory.com; 800-680-6866)



Taurus Curve

The 10.2-ounce, double-action-only (DAO) Taurus Curve packs 6+1 rounds of .380 ACP in a package that is 1.18 inches wide, 5.18 inches long and just 3.7 inches in height. The next-gen pistol has a “print-free” curved polymer frame, a carbon steel slide, a holster-free belt clip, an integrated LaserLyte LED light/laser combination unit and a unique bore-axis sighting system for quick, instinctual point shooting. (taurususa.com; 800-327-3776)



CARRY PISTOLS

requisites: the type of gun, the means of carry and your ability to proficiently retrieve the gun. The 12 guns chosen for this list cover a range of sizes and calibers, and all are ideally suited to achieving the goal of personal

protection through a concealed-carry firearm. Armed with this information, you should be well equipped to choose which firearm type works best for you and your personal needs regarding concealed carry.

TOP-RATED POCKET PISTOLS

Charter Arms Undercover Lite

The Charter Arms Undercover Lite DAO .38 Special +P is a classic five-shot revolver that weighs in at a mere 12 ounces. With a broach-rifled, 2-inch barrel, the aircraft-grade aluminum and steel wheelgun features a durable matte black finish, contoured, recoil-absorbing rubber grips and a fully shrouded hammer. (charterfirearms.com; 203-922-1652)



Glock 26 Gen4

The 10+1 capacity 9mm Glock 26 Gen4 has the smallest frame and slide dimensions available in a 9mm Glock model. The G26 Gen4 is also one of the easiest sub-compacts to shoot thanks to Glock's Gen4 dual recoil spring assembly design. The G26 Gen4 measures 6.41 inches in length, 4.17 inches in height, 1.18 inches in width and features a 3.42-inch barrel. (us.glock.com; 770-432-1202)



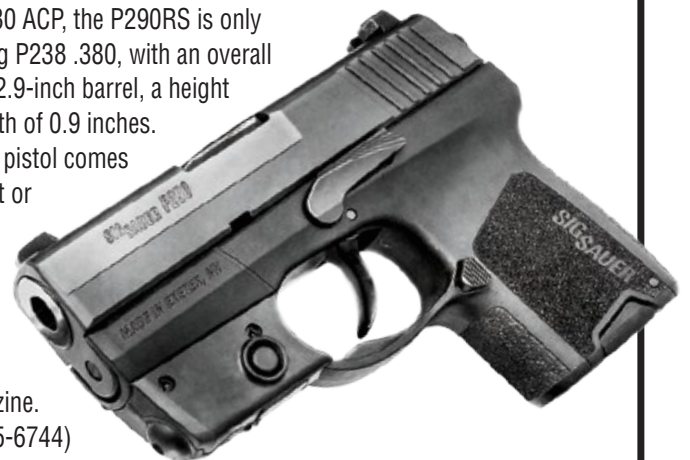
Kimber Ultra RCP II (LG)

The ultra-compact Kimber Custom Shop Ultra RCP II is equipped with a gutter channel sight atop the slide and rosewood Crimson Trace Lasergrips (LG). It features carry melt contours, a durable KimPro II finish on the matte-black steel slide and matte-gray aluminum frame, 7+1 capacity, a height of 4.75 inches, a length of 6.8 inches and a weight of 25 ounces. (kimberamerica.com; 888-243-4522)



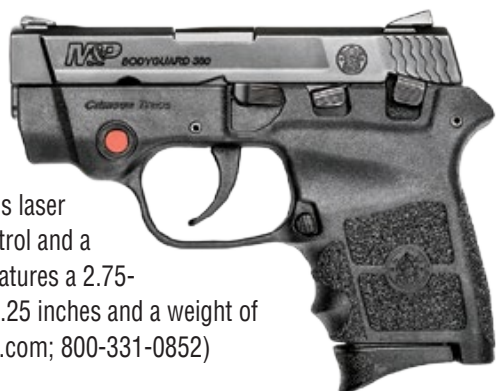
Sig Sauer P290RS

Available in 9mm or .380 ACP, the P290RS is only slightly larger than a Sig P238 .380, with an overall length of 5.5 inches, a 2.9-inch barrel, a height of 3.9 inches and a width of 0.9 inches. The hammer-fired DAO pistol comes with dovetailed contrast or SigLite sight and is available with an optional laser module. The gun comes with one 6-round magazine and one 8-round magazine. (sigsauer.com; 866-345-6744)



Smith & Wesson M&P Bodyguard 380 Crimson Trace

This latest entry from Smith & Wesson is an M&P version of the 6+1 capacity .380 Bodyguard semi-auto equipped with an integrated Crimson Trace laser. The pistol has ambidextrous laser activation, double-action fire control and a manual thumb safety. The gun features a 2.75-inch barrel, an overall length of 5.25 inches and a weight of just 12.3 ounces. (smith-wesson.com; 800-331-0852)



Walther PPS

Introduced in 2007, the PPS is a striker-fired, polymer-framed semi-auto with a remarkably narrow width of just 0.9 inches, a weight of 20.8 ounces, overall length of 6.3 inches and a height of 4.4 inches. Available with six-, seven- or eight-round magazines, the PPS has a striker indicator at the back of the slide, a blade trigger safety, a 3.2-inch barrel and a durable Tenifer slide finish. (waltherarms.com; 479-242-8500)



ALREADY OFF THE



Engineered to fit the contours of your body, the new Taurus Curve in .380 ACP is designed for inside-the-waistband carry. To simplify the process, the Taurus Curve comes standard with a reversible clip.

With the introduction of the new Taurus Curve, the eyes of many of those looking for a concealed-carry firearm have turned toward the Florida-based firearm manufacturer.

This allows us to look at what Taurus, certainly a well-known company in the concealed-carry community, has to offer along with the Curve.

Introduced after years of research and development, the new polymer-framed Curve in .380 ACP is chock full of attributes that will attract the attention of any dedicated concealed carrier or those interested in becoming one. Start with the Curve's small size, which allows it to be virtually the size of your hand, then its weight, a featherweight 10.2 ounces, and its 1.18-inch-thick slide. Despite the pistol's diminutiveness, however, it still holds 6+1 rounds.

Form-Fit Defense

But its most unique feature is its shape. The Curve's frame bends to the right, to make it contoured to fit the human shape, a distinct advantage when worn inside the waistband (IWB). Form fitting, the Curve will have fewer tendencies to protrude when beneath a covering garment. Taurus did not stop there, though, but turned its attention to another potential "printing" factor—sharp edges.

Next-gen Taurus compacts, primed for deep-cover carry!

CURVE

There are no sharp edges to be found on this pistol. Every edge on the Curve has been radiused. If a Curve should press against covering garments, observers will see something shaped more like a wallet or cell phone.

Another source for potential clothing snags or abraded skin are handgun sights. The Curve arrives sans traditional sights, though it does have two alternative sighting systems. The first is a combination red laser/white light made by LaserLyte built into the Curve's frame. Its flush activation switch appears on the frame's right side. Taurus' Bore Sight System is the other. A white cross on the slide's back is in line with the bore. Level the slide, center the cross on what you want to shoot and pull the trigger.

Holsters can add bulk to a pistol carried IWB, and Taurus recognized that fact. The Curve arrives wearing a belt clip that works equally well on a non-belted waistband and that's swappable to the pistol's left side.

Pocket Autos

Taurus' Millennium G2 is a polymer-framed pistol that would make a nice defensive concealed-carry pistol without sacrificing any advantages. Weighing 22 ounces, with a length of 6.24 inches and a 12+1 capacity of 9mm rounds (or 10+1 in .40 S&W), the Millennium G2 will not drag your belt down.

Still, with 13 rounds in the pistol, and another 12 in a spare magazine, this semi-auto should prove quite helpful in an armed confrontation. The sights are nice, with the rear radiused, along with the pistol's other edges, to help prevent snags during the draw. Aggressive texturing on the grip and an equipment rail for accessories rounds out the gun's features.

Taurus' smallest pistol offerings, until the advent of the Curve, were its Model 22 and Model 25 series, chambered for .22 LR and



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AHEAD OF THE CURVE

.25 ACP, respectively. Don't get me wrong, these 9+1 semi-autos have not suddenly become gargantuan and are still viable, double-action-only (DAO) pocket pistols. Sights are vestigial at best, with the rear being integral to the slide and the front integral to the barrel. This is no problem on a pistol designed for use at bad-breath distances.

I find the wooden grips on these pistols seem to provide a type of "hand-filling" effect. The Model 22 and Model 25 series of pistols have a feature perfect for the previously mentioned reduced-upper-body-strength users—the barrels tip up for easy loading!

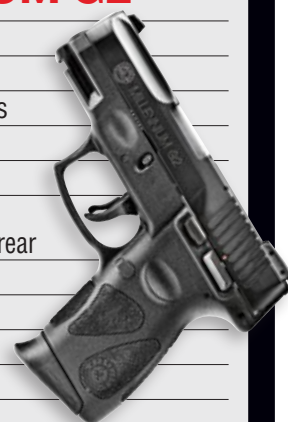
Deep-Cover Wheelguns

An interesting revolver option is the Taurus Model 85PLY, which has a frame of high-strength polymer. Many folks prefer polymer

SPECIFICATIONS

TAURUS MILLENNIUM G2

Caliber: 9mm
Barrel: 3.2 inches
OA Length: 6.24 inches
Weight: 22 ounces
Grips: Polymer
Sights: Fixed front, adjustable rear
Action: DA/SA
Finish: Blued
Capacity: 12+1
MSRP: \$435



TAURUS MODEL 22/ MODEL 25

Caliber: 22 LR/.25 ACP
Barrel: 2.75 inches
OA Length: 4.8 inches
Weight: 12.3 ounces
Grips: Wood
Sights: Fixed
Action: DAO
Finish: Blue
Capacity: 9+1
MSRP: \$282



TAURUS MODEL 85PLY

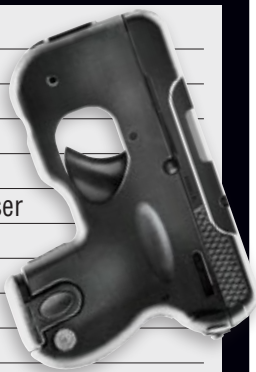
Caliber: .38 Special +P
Barrel: 2.5 inches
OA Length: 6.3 inches
Weight: 18.2 ounces
Grips: Rubber
Sights: Fiber-optic front, fixed rear
Action: DA/SA
Finish: Blue
Capacity: 5
MSRP: \$398



SPECIFICATIONS

TAURUS CURVE

Caliber:	.380 ACP
Barrel:	2.5 inches
OA Length:	5.18 inches
Weight:	10.2 ounces
Grip:	Polymer
Sights:	LaserLyte laser
Action:	DAO
Finish:	Matte black
Capacity:	6+1
MSRP:	\$392



PERFORMANCE

Load	Velocity	Accuracy
CorBon 80 DPX	1,044	1.11
Hornady 90 FTX Critical Defense	860	1.05
Winchester 95 JHP PDX	866	1.00

Bullet weight measured in grains, velocity in fps by chronograph and accuracy in inches for best five-shot groups at 7 yards.

The Curve's polymer frame, featuring an integral light and laser, is the backbone of the new design, allowing for the unique shape and 6+1 capacity.

over aluminum alloys, which makes the DA/SA 85PLY a perfect choice, and it only weighs 18.2 ounces. The 85PLY comes with a very comfortable rubber grip and a front sight integral with the barrel. The rear sight is integral with the topstrap but has been raised. This will provide users with an effective

sight picture. For those shooters who want a lighter-weight, five-shot revolver but don't want aluminum alloys and don't mind a 0.25-inch increase in height, the Taurus Model 85PLY may be just the ticket! For more information, visit taurususa.com or call 800-327-3776.

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The Boberg begins with a simple premise: Change the way you load the gun.

Armsmaker and inventor Arne Boberg's semi-autos use a reverse-feeding magazine that loads rounds from the back—nose first and nose down. The slide extracts a fresh round from the back of the magazine, moving the cartridge to a lifter that positions it to be gripped by the slide's dual extractors. The round is then pushed directly into the rotating barrel breech as the slide closes. This design eliminates the need for a feed ramp, thus the Boberg's 3.75-inch barrel is as flush at the breech as it is at the muzzle, and up to 1 inch longer than normal for the relative size of the slide and frame.

The Boberg operates on an entirely different principle than most semi-autos. When it is fired, the barrel moves back in unison with the slide about 0.125 inches and then begins to rotate counter-clockwise 23 degrees before unlocking from the slide, which then continues its rearwards travel. The barrel remains parallel to the slide rather than tilting down as in traditional short-recoil designs, and thus the Boberg barrel never leaves horizontal alignment.

When inserted into the grip, the magazine in a Boberg sits under the barrel breech rather than behind it like

other semi-autos. By placing the rounds beneath the barrel breech, the frame and slide can be shortened proportionately. A rear-feeding magazine is the only way to do this in a semi-auto pistol.

In weight and balance, the .45 ACP model feels like a smaller-caliber handgun, with a center of balance that falls perfectly into the hand with the little finger tucked under the magazine. Internally, this is very different gun and it has specific maintenance requirements, including 22

lubrication points during cleaning and a special (supplied and available) moly-based anti-seize lubricant that needs to be applied to the gun's removable locking block during routine cleaning.

On The Range

The XR45-S is comparatively narrow for a .45 ACP, and your hand really wraps around the grips. The very deep arch of the backstrap allows 1.25 inches of the frame and slide to rest over the web of your hand, so it really does allow a solid grasp. Average trigger pull on my test gun was 6.25 pounds as measured on a Lyman trigger-pull gauge.

Test ammunition consisted of Federal Premium 230-grain Hydra-Shok JHP, Sig Sauer 200-grain Elite Performance JHP and Barnes TAC-XPD 185-grain +P. Since the XR45-S is designed for +P ammo (and can also fire .45 Super), personal defense ammo was the choice all around. The Barnes 185-grain load is specifically designed for higher velocity and reduced recoil, and clocked 845 feet per second (fps). Sig Sauer cleared the traps at 858 fps, which was the fastest, and the heavy 230-grain Federal Premium flew at 800 fps. Law Enforcement Targets' IPSC competition silhouettes were set up at a measured distance of 15 yards and all tests were conducted using a Weaver stance and a two-handed hold.

The XR45-S has dovetailed, interchangeable front and rear white-dot

SPECIFICATIONS

BOBERG XR45-S



Caliber:	.45 ACP +P
Barrel:	3.75 inches
OA Length:	5.77 inches
Weight:	22 ounces
Grips:	Polymer
Sights:	Three-dot
Action:	DAO
Finish:	Matte black frame, stainless slide
Capacity:	6+1
MSRP:	\$1,199

PERFORMANCE

Load	Velocity	Accuracy
Barnes TAC-XPD 185 +P	845	1.75
Federal Premium 230 Hydra-Shok JHP	800	3.25
Sig Sauer Elite Performance 200 JHP	858	1.75

Bullet weight measured in grains, velocity in fps by chronograph and accuracy in inches for best five-shot groups at 15 yards.



(Above) Unconventional features, such as a rotating barrel, a flat hammer and magazines that feed from the rear, contribute to the unique design of the new Boberg XR45-S.



(Left) Rounds are extracted from the back of the magazine and positioned for direct feeding into the breech as the slide closes.

sights that were easy to acquire. With the pistol's comparatively reduced recoil, they were also very easy to reacquire for follow-up shots. Trigger pull felt very smooth with no stacking and a quick reset, making the XR45-S easy to shoot consistently. If a handgun can show a decided preference

for one brand of ammunition over another, the Boberg has a taste for Sig Sauer's 200-grain JHP, which consistently printed five-round groups averaging 1.75 inches. Barnes 185-grain +P came next with one failure to feed out of 50 rounds and an impressive 1.75-inch best group, with three overlapping. Also with one failure to feed,

Federal Premium had the widest spread with a best five-round group of 3.25 inches.

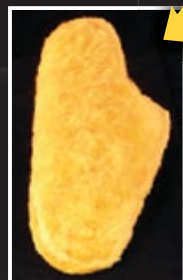
Ultra-Compact .45

From a design perspective, the Boberg has a lot more going on inside than most semi-autos. The XR45-S has definite pluses such as its light trigger pull,

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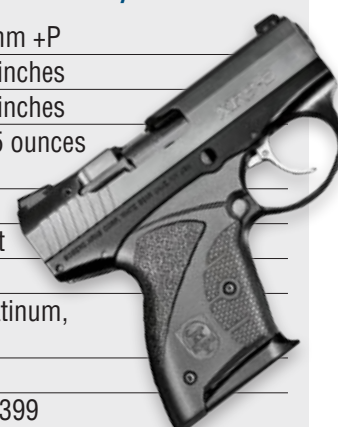
The original XR9-S pocket and subcompact XR9-L 9mm models put down a smaller footprint than semi-autos with comparable barrel lengths, yet they do not compromise power, accuracy or create a firearm that has harsh recoil.

The XR9-S has an overall length of 5.1 inches, a height of 4.2 inches, a 0.95-inch width and a carry weight of just 17.4 ounces unloaded. The XR9-L adds 0.85 inches of barrel and another 1.1 ounces. With more than three-quarters of an inch of barrel and frame ahead of the triggerguard, compared to the XR9-S which has the triggerguard coming up right under the muzzle, the added length leaves ample room to mount a small laser sight on the XR9-L's integral Picatinny rail. Standard features include dovetailed, interchangeable front and rear three-dot sights, an extended frontstrap and magazine tang for a firm grip and a smooth DAO trigger averaging 7.5 pounds. Optional triggers are available in 6 and 9 pounds.

Compared to traditional semi-auto designs, a Boberg appears larger on the inside than the outside! There's no sleight of hand here, just innovative engineering.

SPECIFICATIONS BOBERG XR9-S/XR9-L

Caliber:	9mm, 9mm +P
Barrel:	3.35/4.2 inches
OA Length:	5.1/5.95 inches
Weight:	17.4/18.5 ounces (empty)
Grips:	Polymer
Sights:	Three-dot
Action:	DAO
Finish:	Onyx, platinum, two-tone
Capacity:	7+1
MSRP:	\$995-\$1,399



noticeably reduced recoil with .45 ACP defensive ammunition (even +P rounds), ease of disassembly for cleaning, fast handling and accuracy.

Overall, the Boberg is a very impressive handgun in its design and operation. It is smaller than any other semi-auto .45 ACP on the market, lightweight, accurate and a worthy contender in today's subcompact .45 ACP marketplace. For more information visit bobergarms.com or call 651-287-0617. **PP**



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One of Sturm, Ruger & Company's most innovative designs is the LCR, or Lightweight Compact Revolver, first introduced in 2009.

This first-of-its-kind, polymer-framed revolver brings the benefits of significantly reduced weight and a higher weight-to-strength ratio than steel, in addition to being impervious to corrosion and moisture.

The design's five-shot cylinder is only 1.28 inches wide, and with a 1.875-inch barrel, the whole gun's overall length is 6.5 inches, making it well suited for comfortable, all-day pocket carry. The trigger on the LCR is fantastic and features a friction-reducing cam that produces an extremely smooth double-action (DA) trigger pull without the common stacking that can occur.

The stainless steel cylinders in all of the Ruger LCRs have been heavily fluted for further weight reduction while maintaining optimal strength. They are also finished in Ruger's own Target Grey finish, which provides outstanding corrosion resistance. Finally, the polymer grip includes a convenient grip peg, which makes replacing the grip a very simple process. The Hogue

Steve Woods photo

The new Ruger LCR in 9mm offers plenty of power and a broader choice of ammo while still possessing the traits that made the LCR line famous.

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Tamer grip that is included with the standard LCR, however, does an excellent job of taming perceived recoil.

The LCR is available in a variety of calibers, from .22 LR to .38 Special to .357 Magnum, but perhaps most interesting is the 9mm version. Because the 9mm case is rimless, Ruger provides moon clips for faster loading and positive ejection. Thankfully, you don't have to use them as the 9mm cartridges can be loaded and fired without the moon clip. Ejection, however, then requires the use of a tool such as a pen. For concealed-carry use, stick with the moon clips.

On the range, the 9mm certainly kicked more like a .357 Magnum than a .38 Special, but not quite as much. An advantage of 9mm is that there is a wide variety of defensive ammunition available. The 9mm LCR is an excellent compromise for those who prefer a revolver for concealed-carry use and

SPECIFICATIONS

RUGER LCR

Caliber:	9mm
Barrel:	1.875 inches
OA Length:	6.5 inches
Weight:	17.2 ounces (empty)
Grip:	Hogue Tamer Monogrip
Sights:	Fixed
Action:	DAO
Finish:	Ionbond Diamondblack
Capacity:	5
MSRP:	\$599



PERFORMANCE

Load	Velocity	Accuracy
Black Hills 115 JHP	1,138	1.21
Remington UMC 124 FMJ	1,028	2.12
Winchester 115 JHP	1,037	1.94

Bullet weight measured in grains, velocity in fps by chronograph and accuracy in inches for best five-shot groups at 7 yards.

want something more effective than the .38 Special but less punishing on the user than the .357 Magnum.

Appealing Alternatives

Slightly less compact but just as innovative is the new Ruger LCRx revolver with a longer 3-inch barrel and an external hammer that allows for both DA and single-action (SA) use. Chambered in .38 Special +P, the LCRx features a very smooth and comfortable friction-reducing-cam trigger system, a polymer housing and a monolithic aluminum frame for weight reduction. The stainless steel cylinder is also heavy fluted for added weight reduction. The longer 3-inch barrel provides for higher velocities and improved terminal performance, while the longer sight radius helps increase accuracy. Other welcome features unique to the LCRx 3-inch are a rear sight that's fully adjustable for windage and elevation and a full-length grip.



Crimson Trace LG-415G

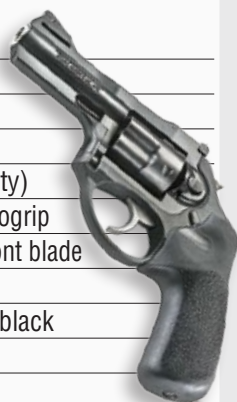
Bringing the high-visibility targeting capabilities of a green laser to the LCR series of Ruger revolvers are the Crimson Trace LG-415G green Lasergrips. Designed to simply replace the factory grips, the LG-415G combines a comfortable synthetic grip with an integrated green laser system. Activation is simple through the application of an Instinctive Activation button located on the frontstrap of the grip. A master on/off switch is also included. The laser, which has a battery life of two hours, is fully adjustable for windage and elevation. (crimsontrace.com; 800-442-2406) —Michael O. Humphries



SPECIFICATIONS

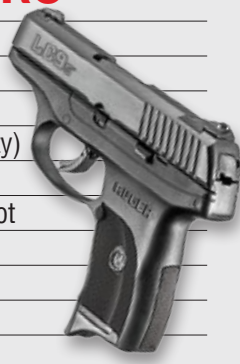
RUGER LCRx

Caliber:	.38 Special +P
Barrel:	3 inches
OA Length:	7.5 inches
Weight:	15.7 ounces (empty)
Grip:	Hogue Tamer Monogrip
Sights:	Adjustable rear, front blade
Action:	DA/SA
Finish:	Ionbond Diamondblack
Capacity:	5
MSRP:	\$529



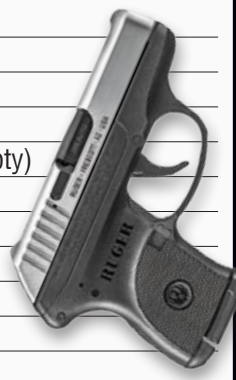
RUGER LC9s PRO

Caliber:	9mm
Barrel:	3.12 inches
OA Length:	6 inches
Weight:	17.2 ounces (empty)
Grip:	Glass-filled nylon
Sights:	Adjustable three-dot
Action:	Striker-fired
Finish:	Blued
Capacity:	7+1
MSRP:	\$449



RUGER LCP

Caliber:	.380 ACP
Barrel:	2.75 inches
OA Length:	5.16 inches
Weight:	9.65 ounces (empty)
Grip:	Glass-filled nylon
Sights:	Fixed
Action:	DAO
Finish:	Blued
Capacity:	6+1
MSRP:	\$389



The Ruger LC9 pistol was already extremely well received but now Ruger has introduced a new version that is striker fired instead of hammer fired. Chambered in 9mm, the LC9s is very thin and lightweight, but the new trigger system makes it easier to shoot with a lighter, smoother pull that many shooters prefer. A great advantage is that the new pistol retains the same dimensions as the LC9, and as such all of the accessories, spare magazines and holsters work for both pistols. At 6 inches in length and less than 1 inch wide, the LC9s makes

a perfect pocket pistol in a great defensive round. Also, Ruger just released the LC9s Pro, a variant of the design sans the manually operated thumb safety and magazine disconnect system.

Ruger also produces distributor-exclusive pistols usually featuring much-desired accessories or colors. The company is now offering a unique "Muddy Girl" pink camouflage pattern on its LCP and LC9s pistol through Davidson's. The black-and-pink pattern covers the high-performance, glass-filled nylon frame of each pistol and gives each gun a

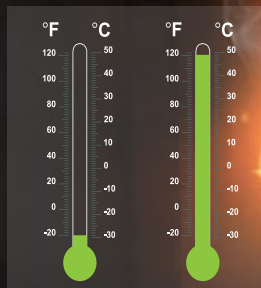
distinctive look. With more and more women interested in the shooting sports and self-defense, custom options that appeal to them are becoming increasingly popular.

The compact LCP is chambered in the popular .380 ACP with a 6+1 capacity, and it really shines in terms of its snag-free profile and miniscule dimensions. Weighing less than 10 ounces unloaded and with a total length of just over 5 inches and a width of only 0.82 inches, the LCP manages to almost disappear inside a front pocket. For more information, visit ruger.com. **PP**

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I am a longtime proponent of double-action-only (DAO) triggers on handguns that are used for personal defense. And of the many DAO pistols on market, those made by Kahr Arms are some of the most user friendly in my opinion.

Kahr pistols use a system whereby a trigger stroke of 0.7 inches rotates a cam that unlocks the spring-loaded striker safety, pulls it to the full-cock position and then releases it to fire the pistol. This produces a smooth, stage-free trigger pull with a crisp let-off. Safety is provided by a striker block that immobilizes the partially cocked striker, which can only be overcome by pulling the trigger through a complete stroke. Because of this, Kahr pistols have a snag-free exterior, a very nice feature for a pistol designed to be carried and drawn from concealment.

Kahr pistols feature an offset barrel with the trigger mechanism beside it, producing a frame with a high grip close to the centerline of the bore for enhanced recoil control. Breech locking is accomplished by the barrel hood bearing on the front edge of the ejection port to lock the barrel and slide together. Upon firing, the slide moves rearward and the barrel is cammed down, unlocking it from the slide, which continues rearwards, extracting and ejecting the spent case. The recoil spring pushes the slide forward, stripping the next round from the magazine and chambering it. As the slide goes into battery, the barrel hood moves up into the ejection port, locking the two units together.

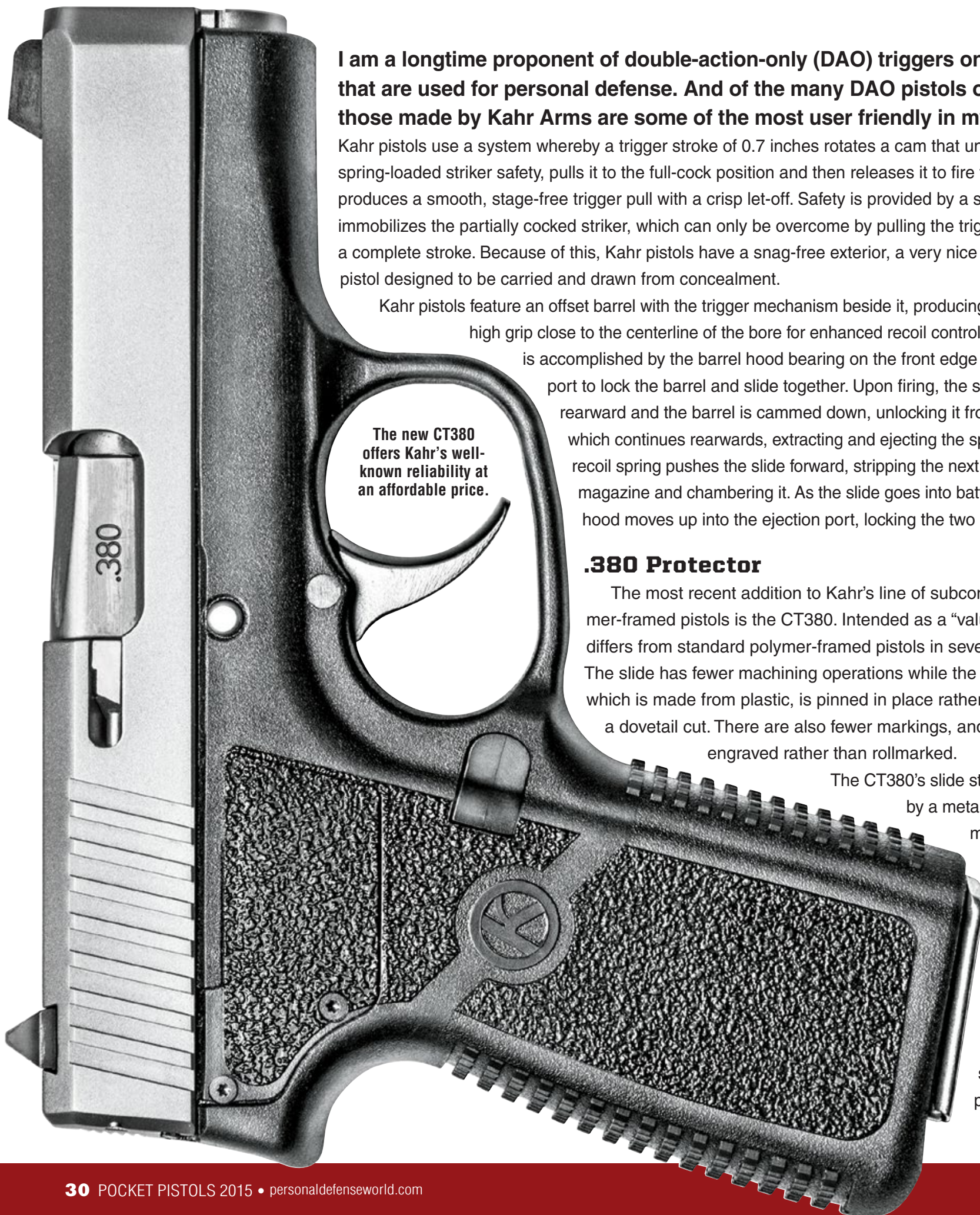
The new CT380 offers Kahr's well-known reliability at an affordable price.

.380 Protector

The most recent addition to Kahr's line of subcompact, polymer-framed pistols is the CT380. Intended as a "value" model, it differs from standard polymer-framed pistols in several respects. The slide has fewer machining operations while the front sight, which is made from plastic, is pinned in place rather than using a dovetail cut. There are also fewer markings, and these are engraved rather than rollmarked.

The CT380's slide stop is produced by a metal-injection-

molding process rather than being a machined part, while the barrel has conventional rifling rather than polygonal style. Lastly, the pistol is shipped



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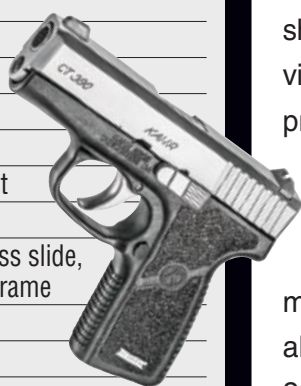


COMPANIONS

SPECIFICATIONS

KAHR CT380

Caliber: .380 ACP
Barrel: 3 inches
OA Length: 5.52 inches
Weight: 11.4 ounces
Grips: Polymer
Sights: White bar-dot
Action: DAO
Finish: Matte stainless slide, matte black frame
Capacity: 7+1
MSRP: \$399



PERFORMANCE

Load	Velocity	Accuracy
Black Hills 100 FMJ	892	1.30
CorBon 80 DPX	990	1.80
Hornady 90 FTX	928	1.50

Bullet weight measured in grains, velocity in fps by chronograph and accuracy in inches for best five-shot groups at 7 yards.

with a single magazine in a cardboard box. These qualities result in an MSRP of only \$399.

My fiancée (and photographic assistant) Becky and I tested the CT380 for accuracy by firing a series of five-shot groups from a rest at 7 yards. The bar-dot sights provided a fast and clear sight picture, and we were able to produce sub-2-inch groups with all three brands of ammo.

Off-hand drills on a combat target produced results that were just as satisfying. Recoil control with the CT380 was very good and we had no trouble making fast, accurate follow-up shots. I should also mention that we ran about 200-plus rounds through the CT380 that afternoon without a single malfunction.

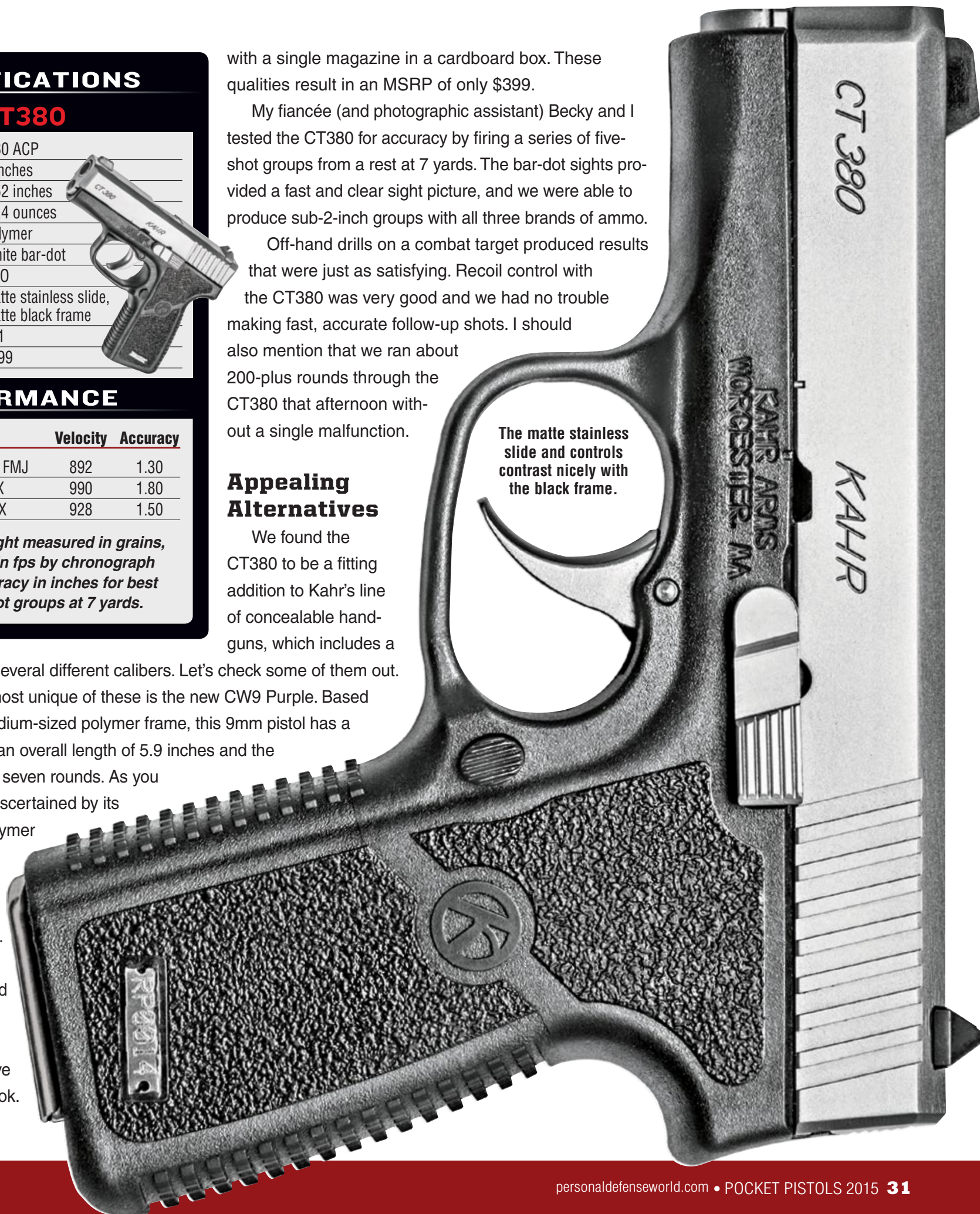
Appealing Alternatives

We found the CT380 to be a fitting addition to Kahr's line of concealable handguns, which includes a

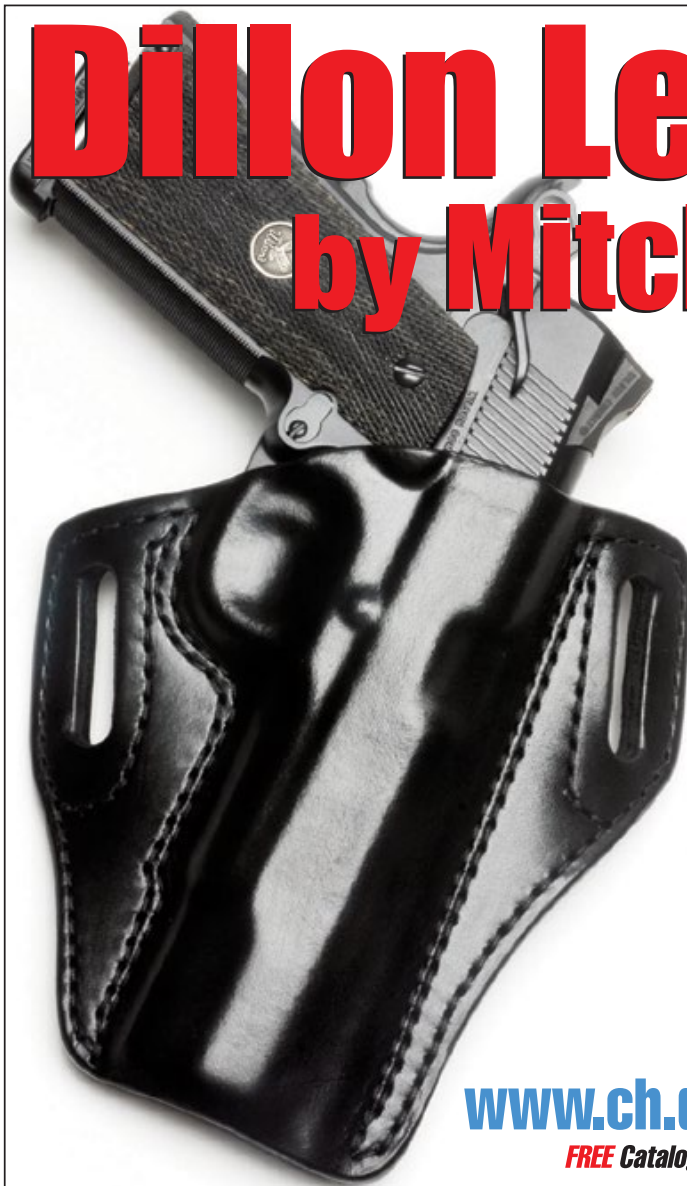
The matte stainless slide and controls contrast nicely with the black frame.

wide variety in several different calibers. Let's check some of them out.

To me, the most unique of these is the new CW9 Purple. Based upon Kahr's medium-sized polymer frame, this 9mm pistol has a 3.6-inch barrel, an overall length of 5.9 inches and the magazine holds seven rounds. As you have no doubt ascertained by its moniker, the polymer frame is purple and designed to appeal to female shooters. The contrasting purple frame and matte stainless slide give the pistol a distinctive and attractive look.



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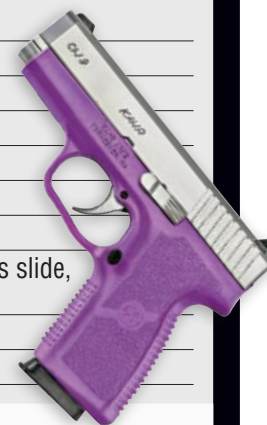


KAHR COMPANIONS

SPECIFICATIONS

KAHR CW9 PURPLE

Caliber:	9mm
Barrel:	3.6 inches
OA Length:	5.9 inches
Weight:	17.7 ounces
Grips:	Polymer
Sights:	White bar-dot
Action:	DAO
Finish:	Matte stainless slide, purple frame
Capacity:	7+1
MSRP:	\$449



KAHR PM40 W/SAFETY*

Caliber:	.40 S&W
Barrel:	3.1 inches
OA Length:	5.47 inches
Weight:	17.7 ounces
Grips:	Polymer
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Action:	DAO
Finish:	Matte stainless slide, matte black frame
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So whether you want a compact, medium-sized or full-sized pistol for concealed carry, home defense, backup or off-duty carry, Kahr has what you need. For more information, visit kahr.com or call 508-795-3919. **PP**

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UNDERCOVER

BY DENNIS ADLER

Year-round concealed carry has to be practical and provide three essential characteristics: maximum concealment, ease of retrieval and comfort. While that sounds pretty straightforward, each of those elements requires an individual choice by the person carrying the gun. With so many of the latest pocket pistols being made lighter and easier to handle, the choices in concealed-carry guns has increased exponentially over the past few years.

Practical, seasonal concealed carry, if you are going to stay with only one gun, can and often will require more than one type of holster to accommodate changing concealment needs dictated by clothing, weather conditions and certain situations. The latter is reflected in your need to carry—the greater the need, the greater the demand for either quick access or deeper concealment.

For most individuals with a CCW permit, the need is basic personal protection, rather than as a sidearm intended for persons whose line of work may put them directly in harm's way. For most, it is a need that can be fulfilled with one gun and a choice of holsters that, above all else, address the third requirement: comfort. To that end, we have broken down holster options to five primary types of concealed-carry methods: pocket carry, inside the waistband (IWB), belt, shoulder and ankle holsters. There are distinct advantages and disadvantages to each, most often dictated by comfort, degree of concealment and ease of access. Some methods will compromise one of the three carry guidelines to achieve another, and this is where the following breakdown of holster types and features will help in making this all-important decision for concealed carry.



Concealment rigs can be leather, Kydex, injection-molded plastics or combinations of them all. Clockwise from top left: DeSantis' Pocket Shot, Milt Sparks' Versa-Max 2 IWB, Crossfire's Pulse IWB, the Blade-Tech Ambi Klipt IWB, the Galco Combat Master and Springfield XD Mod.2, and the Jason Winnie J111 and Boberg XR45-S.



POCKET HOLSTERS

A pocket holster can be totally unobtrusive in a front pant pocket, even less so than a wallet or cell phone. The holster will be securely retained in the pocket and keep the gun upright for quick access. This offers comfort, higher concealment, but a slower draw. Pocket holsters also protect the pistol or revolver's triggerguard from lint, debris or other items in your pocket.

HOLSTER	MATERIAL	RETENTION	GUN TYPE	MSRP
Aker Pocket Protector Express	Leather	Contour fit	Small semi-autos/revolvers	\$48
Bianchi Frontier Gunleather Pocket Pal	Leather	Contour fit	Small semi-autos/revolvers	\$28
Bianchi Pocket Piece	Leather	Contour fit	Small semi-autos/revolvers	\$30
BlackHawk Inside-the-Pocket	Nylon	Contour fit	Small semi-autos	\$13
Blade-Tech Roughout Pocket Bug	Leather	Contour fit	Small semi-autos	\$40
Blue Stone P302	Nylon	Contour fit	Small semi-autos	\$10
CrossBreed Pocket Rocket	Leather/Kydex	Contour fit	Small semi-autos	\$33
Crossfire Elite Grip	Synthetic	Contour fit	Small semi-autos	\$20
DeSantis Nemesis	Rubberized fabric	Contour fit	Small semi-autos/revolvers	\$25
DeSantis Pocket Shot	Leather	Clamshell	LCP, Small semi-autos	\$42
DeSantis Super Fly	Rubberized fabric	Contour fit	Small semi-autos/revolvers	\$39
DeSantis Trickster	Leather	Contour fit	Small semi-autos	\$29
Elite Survival Systems	Rubberized nylon	Contour fit	Small semi-autos/revolvers	\$16
ETW Pocket Holster	Leather	Contour fit	Small semi-autos/revolvers	\$65
Galco Front Pocket Horsehide	Leather	Contour fit	Small semi-autos/revolvers	\$65
Galco Pocket Protector	Leather	Contour fit	Small semi-autos/revolvers	\$28
Gould & Goodrich Wallet Holster	Nylon	Band	Small semi-autos/revolvers	\$18
Milt Sparks Holsters PCH	Leather	Contour fit	LCP, small semi-autos	\$82
Remora Holsters No Clip Series 2	Synthetic	Contour fit	Semi-autos	\$25-\$30
Sticky Holsters	Synthetic	Contour fit	Semi-autos/revolvers	\$25
Tuff Products Pocket Roo	Synthetic	Contour fit	Small semi-autos/revolvers	\$20
Uncle Mike's	Nylon/synthetic	Contour fit	Small semi-autos/revolvers	\$14
Wright Insider Pocket Holster	Leather	Contour fit	Small semi-autos/revolvers	\$54



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INSIDE THE WAISTBAND HOLSTERS

The IWB is the most covert of rapid-access carry rigs as it is worn close to the body with little more than the gun's grips above the waistband. Secured by clips or straps over the wearer's belt, this style of carry is ideal for semi-autos with narrow slide and frame widths.

HOLSTER	MATERIAL	RETENTION	GUN TYPE	MSRP
3-Speed Holster	Synthetic	Contour fit	Semi-autos/revolvers	\$85
Alien Gear Cloak Tuck 2.0	Neoprene composite	Contour fit	Semi-autos/revolvers	\$36
Beretta Nano Hybrid IWB	Polymer/leather	Contour fit	Beretta Nano	\$64
BlackHawk ISP 06 IWB/Pocket	Rough-out suede	Contour fit	Small, medium semi-autos	\$39
Blade-Tech Ambi Klipt	Kydex	Contour fit	Semi-autos	\$60
Blue Stone BC26-VTS	Leather/sheepskin	Contour fit	Semi-autos/revolvers	\$55
Blue Stone Investigator	Leather	Contour fit	Small semi-autos/revolvers	\$36
Comfort Holsters Jaguar	Gel/Kydex/leather	Contour fit	Semi-autos/revolvers	\$90
Comp-Tac Infidel Ultra	Leather/Kydex	Contour fit	Semi-autos	\$95
Comp-Tac Minotaur MTAC	Leather/Kydex	Contour fit	Semi-autos	\$95
CrossBreed Appendix Carry	Leather/Kydex	Contour fit	Semi-autos	\$63
CrossBreed Micro Clip	Leather/Kydex	Contour fit	Ruger LCP/KelTec P-3AT	\$58
CrossBreed SuperTuck Deluxe	Leather/Kydex	Contour fit	Semi-autos/revolvers	\$70
Crossfire Elite Pulse	Synthetic	Thumb break	J-Frames/semi-autos	\$52
Crossfire Elite Undercover	Synthetic	Thumb break	Semi-autos	\$40
DeSantis Intruder	Leather/Kydex	Contour fit	J-Frames/semi-autos	\$66
Elite Survival Systems BCH	Ballistic nylon	N/A	Semi-autos/revolvers	\$28
Fist Holsters #1	Kydex	Contour fit	Semi-autos	\$45
Galco KingTuk	Leather/Kydex	Contour fit	Semi-autos	\$72
Mernickle PS2	Leather	Contour or Thumb break	Semi-autos	\$80
MTR Custom Sentinel	Leather	Contour fit	Semi-autos	\$85
Milt Sparks Versa-Max 2	Leather	Contour fit	Glock 42, semi-autos	\$122
N82 Tactical Professional	Leather/polycarbonate	Contour-fit	Semi-autos	\$70
Old Faithful IWB Hip Holster/Kit	Leather/Kydex	Contour fit	Semi-autos/revolvers	\$75
Safariland/Bianchi 100T	Leather	Contour fit	Semi-autos	\$64
StealthGearUSA AIWB	Synthetic/Kydex	Contour fit	Semi-autos/revolvers	\$79
StealthGearUSA Onyx IWB	Synthetic/Kydex	Contour fit	Semi-autos/revolvers	\$99
Sticky Holsters	Synthetic	Contour fit	Semi-autos/revolvers	\$25
Tuff Products Tuff iTuck	Synthetic	Contour fit	Semi-autos	\$40
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BELT HOLSTERS

This is the traditional way to carry a handgun. It is one of the most comfortable methods for everyday carry, adjustable for various positions around the waist and fastest to draw from, but a little harder to keep concealed. Belt holsters offer much more support for the concealed firearm.

HOLSTER	MATERIAL	RETENTION	GUN TYPE	MSRP
Alien Gear Cloak Slide	Leather	Contour fit	Semi-autos/revolvers	\$30
Bianchi Frontier Gunleather Speed Scabbard	Leather	Contour fit	Semi-autos	\$105
BlackHawk Nylon Laser Holster	Cordura nylon	N/A	Semi-autos	\$25
BlackHawk Sportster CQC	Polymer	Contour fit	Semi-autos	\$22
Blade-Tech Partial Eclipse Molded	Level 1	Contour fit	Semi-autos	\$60
Comfort Holsters OWB Holster	Gel/Kydex/leather	Contour fit	Semi-auto/revolvers	\$125
Crossfire Elite Vapor Air	Ballistic nylon	Compression fit	Semi-autos	\$36
DeSantis Mini Scabbard	Leather	Contour fit	Semi-autos	\$60
DeSantis Thumb Break Scabbard	Leather	Thumb break	Semi-autos	\$73
Dillon Leather 5JR-DL	Leather	Contour fit	Semi-autos/Ruger SP-101	\$75
Elite Survival Systems ASBH	Nylon/leather	Adjustable, thumb break	Semi-autos	\$55
Fobus Evolution Roto-Paddle	Polymer	Level 2 lock	Semi-autos	\$45
Galco Combat Master	Leather	Contour fit	Semi-autos	\$86
Galco SOB (Small of the Back)	Leather	Contour fit, adjustable	Semi-autos	\$110
Galco SSS Side Snap Scabbard	Leather	Adjustable tension	Semi-autos	\$125
Jason Winnie J111	Leather	Contour fit	Boberg XR Models	\$65
Mernickle PS6	Leather	Contour fit	Semi-autos	\$90
MTR Custom Swan	Leather	Contour fit	Semi-autos	\$70
Milt Sparks 55BN	Leather	Contour fit	Glock 42, semi-autos	\$103
Safariland/Bianchi 82 CarryLok	Leather	Contour fit, Level I	Semi-autos	\$78
Sneaky Pete Belt Clip Holster	Leather	Carry case w/flap	Small semi-autos/revolvers	\$39-\$69



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SHOULDER HOLSTERS

One of the oldest means of concealed carry, shoulder rigs offer the most security and ease of access, but are harder to conceal.

HOLSTER	MATERIAL	RETENTION	GUN TYPE	MSRP
A.E. Nelson Upside Down	Leather	Integral spring clip	S&W J-Frame	\$180
Bianchi Frontier Gunleather Magnum X-10	Leather	Integral spring clip	Semi-autos	\$225
Crossfire Elite Alaskan	Ballistic nylon	Thumb break	Revolvers	\$66
Crossfire Elite Outlander	Ballistic nylon	Thumb break	Semi-autos	\$63
Deep Conceal Ultra	Fabric/elastic	Hook and loop	Semi-autos	\$44
DeSantis CEO	Leather	Thumb break	Semi-autos	\$125
DeSantis New York Undercover	Leather	Thumb break	Semi-autos/revolvers	\$173
DeSantis Patriot	Ballistic nylon	Contour fit	Semi-autos	\$80
Elite Survival Systems M/ASH	Ballistic nylon	Adjustable/thumb break	Semi-autos/revolvers	\$90
Galco Classic Lite	Leather	Thumb break	Semi-autos	\$95
Galco Executive	Italian calfskin	Tension	Small semi-autos	\$200
Mernickle SH5	Leather	Thumb break	Semi-autos	\$200



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ANKLE HOLSTERS

Truly the last resort, going to an ankle holster means you really need a “backup gun.” While totally out of sight, this is the least accessible means of concealed carry unless you are sitting or kneeling, but it is secure and unobtrusive with small semi-autos or revolvers.

HOLSTER	MATERIAL	RETENTION	GUN TYPE	MSRP
Aker Comfort Flex II	Nylon/elastic	Thumb break	Semi-autos/revolvers	\$63
Blue Stone Undercover	Nylon/elastic/sheepskin	Thumb break	Small semi-auto/revolver	\$42
Crossfire Elite Wrap	Ballistic nylon/sheepskin	Thumb break	Semi-autos	\$50
DeSantis Leather Ankle Holster	Leather/elastic	Thumb break	Small semi-auto/revolver	\$79
Elite Survival Systems Ankle Holster	Ballistic nylon	Thumb break	Semi-auto/revolver	\$47
Galco Ankle Glove	Leather/elastic	Thumb break	Semi-auto/revolver	\$99
Galco Ankle-Lite	Leather/elastic	Thumb break	Semi-auto/revolver	\$79



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BY MASSAD AYOUB



Small handguns are a staple of the law enforcement armory for plainclothes officers and off-duty personnel, and more American citizens are licensed to carry concealed handguns in public now than at any time in any living person's memory.

Thus, it is no surprise that demand has burgeoned for small, concealable pistols sufficiently powerful and "shootable" to give the user a high likelihood of winning a gunfight with armed criminals.

Glock has been on top of this market since the mid-1990s, when it introduced the line that became known as "baby Glocks." The stable of Glock subcompacts expanded from there. Many of these models will function with magazines from larger models in the same caliber, which not only enhances firepower but allows one pouch of the larger magazines on the uniform belt to serve both the full-size service pistol and a smaller backup weapon. The calibers available in Glock subcompacts range from .380 to .45 ACP.

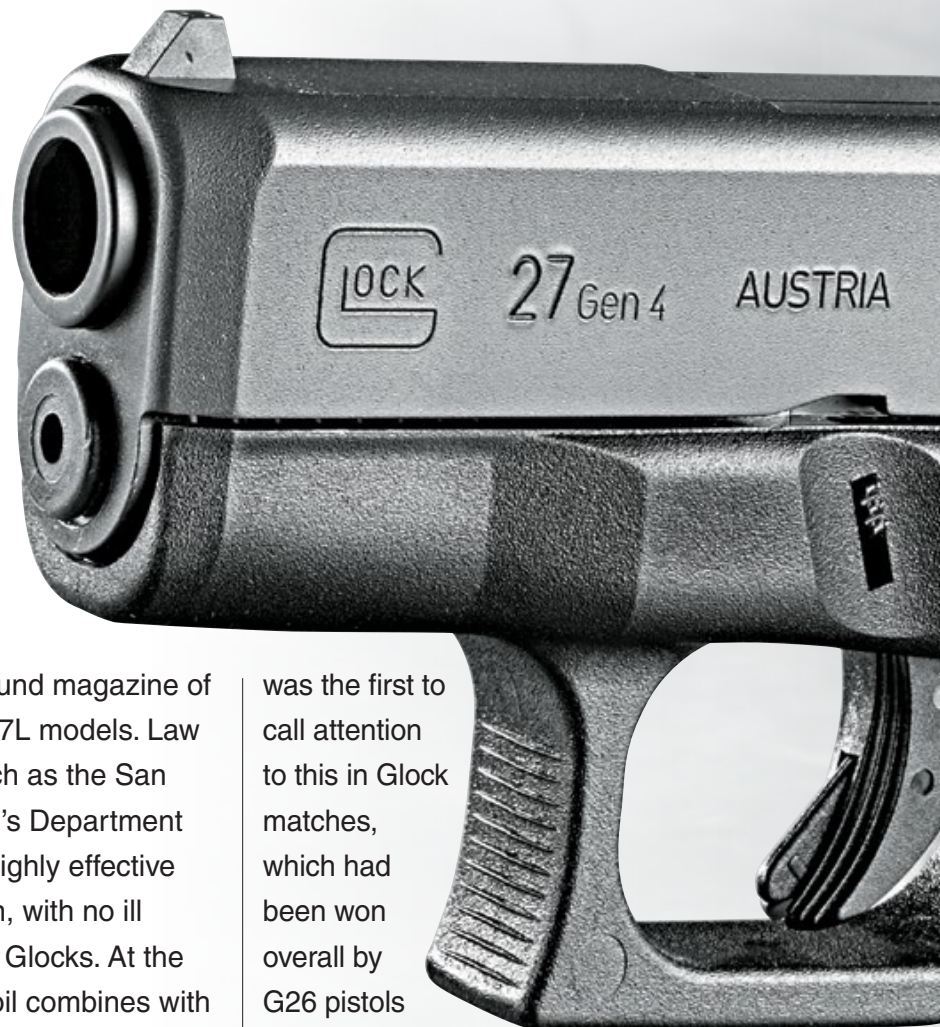
Baby Glocks

The Glock 26 carries 10 rounds of 9mm ammo in its short magazine, and will accept the 15-round magazine of the

compact G19 or the 17-round magazine of larger Glock 17, 34, and 17L models. Law enforcement agencies such as the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department in California issue it with highly effective 127-grain +P+ ammunition, with no ill effects on the rugged little Glocks. At the same time, mild 9mm recoil combines with the pistol's ergonomics to make it eminently "shootable." In boxing terminology, the G26 hits above its weight class.

One never sees subcompact 1911 pistols winning against the larger ones in shooting sports from International Practical Shooting Confederation (IPSC) to Bullseye, yet again and again we see the little G26 turn in winning scores against large service and target pistols. Glock expert Danny Ryan

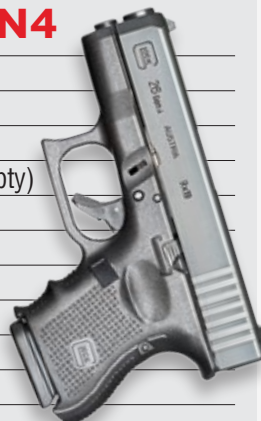
was the first to call attention to this in Glock matches, which had been won overall by G26 pistols in the hands of Master shooters such as Bryan Dover, Mike Ross and James Linebarger. These "Matchmasters" have used their G26s to beat full-size service pistols. The short slide seems to bring the sights very quickly back to target for follow-up shots, and the shape of the "baby Glock" grip frame seems to lock the bottom-rear portion very solidly into the hollow of the shooter's palm.



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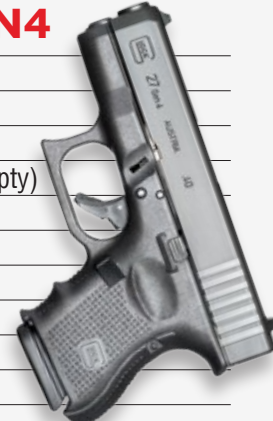
GLOCK 26 GEN4

Caliber: 9mm
Barrel: 3.42 inches
OA Length: 6.41 inches
Weight: 21.17 ounces (empty)
Grips: Polymer
Sights: Fixed
Action: Safe Action
Finish: Black
Capacity: 10+1
MSRP: \$649



GLOCK 27 GEN4

Caliber: .40 S&W
Barrel: 3.42 inches
OA Length: 6.41 inches
Weight: 21.89 ounces (empty)
Grips: Polymer
Sights: Fixed
Action: Safe Action
Finish: Black
Capacity: 9+1
MSRP: \$649



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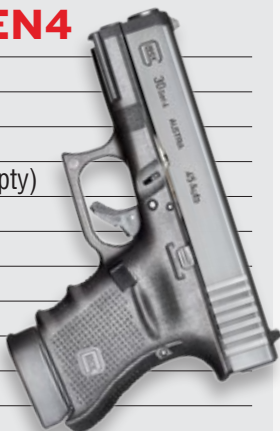
The G26 9mm and the G27 .40 were the first “baby Glock,” and they are still the most popular today in their Gen4 incarnations.



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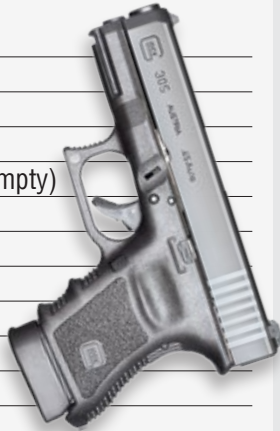
GLOCK 30 GEN4

Caliber: .45 ACP
Barrel: 3.77 inches
OA Length: 6.88 inches
Weight: 26.3 ounces (empty)
Grips: Polymer
Sights: Fixed
Action: Safe Action
Finish: Black
Capacity: 10+1
MSRP: \$687



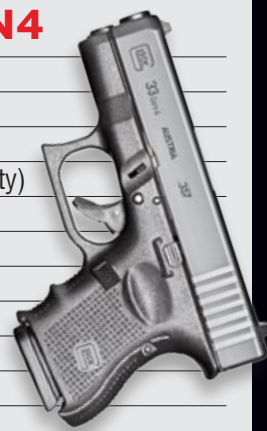
GLOCK 30S

Caliber: .45 ACP
Barrel: 3.77 inches
OA Length: 6.96 inches
Weight: 22.95 ounces (empty)
Grips: Polymer
Sights: Fixed
Action: Safe Action
Finish: Black
Capacity: 10+1
MSRP: \$637



GLOCK 33 GEN4

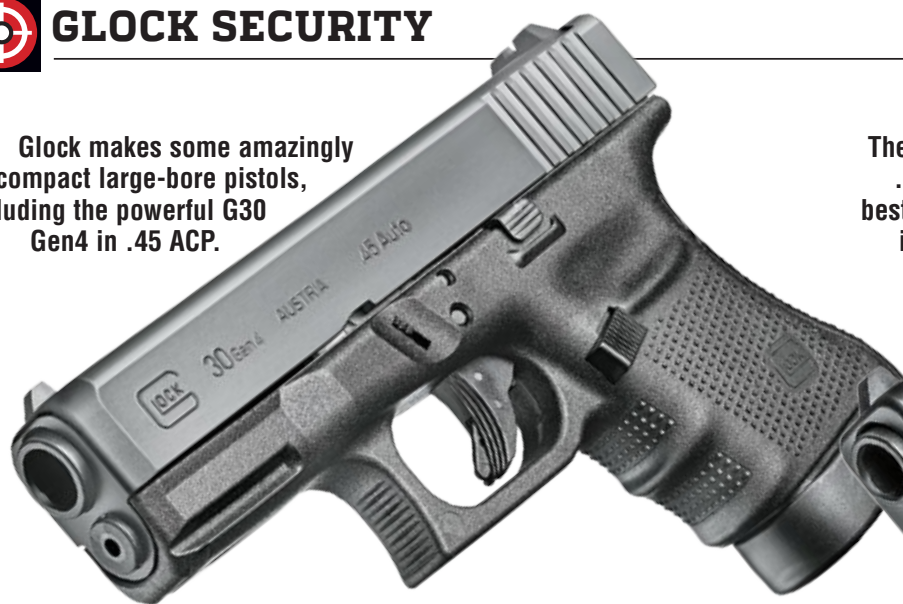
Caliber: .357
Barrel: 3.42 inches
OA Length: 6.41 inches
Weight: 21.89 ounces (empty)
Grips: Polymer
Sights: Fixed
Action: Safe Action
Finish: Black
Capacity: 9+1
MSRP: \$649





GLOCK SECURITY

Glock makes some amazingly compact large-bore pistols, including the powerful G30 Gen4 in .45 ACP.



The super-slim Glock 42 in .380 ACP has been a best-seller since its introduction.



The Glock 27 is the .40-caliber version of the G26, and holds nine of those potent rounds in its short “concealment” magazine and a 10th in its firing chamber. It will accept the magazines of larger Glock .40s, including the 13-round Glock 23 mag and the 15-round full-size versions that come with America’s most popular police service pistol, the Glock 22, and the longer-barreled Glock 35 and Glock 24 pistols.

The Glock 33 takes nine powerful .357 rounds in its short magazine and one more in the firing chamber. It will accept the 13-round Glock 32 mag and the full-size 15-rounder from the Glock 31 service pistol. My 125-grain duty loads chronograph an impressive 1,340 fps from its 3.42-inch barrel.

The Glock 39 varies from the other “baby Glock” slightly in that while it shares the same small frame, its slide is just a little bit wider. This is because it’s chambered for a powerful large-bore cartridge, the .45 GAP (Glock Auto Pistol). The G39 is fully loaded with a six-round concealment mag, but will take the eight-round magazine of the compact Glock 38 and the 10-rounder designed for the full-size Glock 37.

Subcompact Power

The late 1990s saw Glock shorten its large-frame pistols at the front and butt, and fit them with the double captive recoil

springs so well proven in the “baby Glock.” In doing so, a new genre of handguns was born. These slimmed-down powerhouses had lost enough bulk for Glock to be comfortable describing them as subcompacts.

A great example of this is the Glock 30, a compact .45 ACP with a capacity of 10 rounds in the mag and an 11th in the chamber. It works with the 13-round mags of its service-size companion gun, the Glock 21. Virtually since its introduction, the G30 was found to be extraordinarily accurate, not just for its size but even in direct comparison with larger pistols intended for exposed wear by uniformed personnel. In 2013, Glock introduced the G30S, a hybrid pistol combining the G30 SF frame with the slimmer slide of the G36. It has a 10+1 capacity and still delivers good accuracy and controllable recoil.

Slim Line CCW

Most Glock subcompacts, like all Glock service and target models, are designed for maximum capacity and have double-stack magazines that widen the grip frame. Glock has listened to customers who wanted slimmer profiles for better concealment and grip frames with smaller circumferences. The latter feature is important to those with small hands and also reduces the trigger reach dimension,

making the pistol handle better for most people with short fingers and even for many with larger hands.

Glock’s response has been two slim pistols with narrower, lower-capacity magazines (necessitated by the narrower frames). The first of these high-powered pistols was the Glock 36, which carries a 6+1 payload of .45 ACP cartridges.

The other Slim Line Glock, introduced in early 2014, is the Glock 42. Again, the capacity is 6+1 rounds, but in the G42, the chambering is for the compact .380 ACP round. The gun’s locked-breech design, compared to the simple blowback mechanism so common with other .380s, combines with the cartridge’s own power level and the signature double captive recoil spring of Glock subcompacts to deliver extremely soft recoil. At 0.94 inches wide and weighing 13.76 ounces unloaded, the G42 has comfort and concealment factors that will appeal to any pistol packer. The negligible “kick” will likely prove to seal the deal for recoil-sensitive shooters. The G42 also has the shortest trigger reach of all Glock pistols.

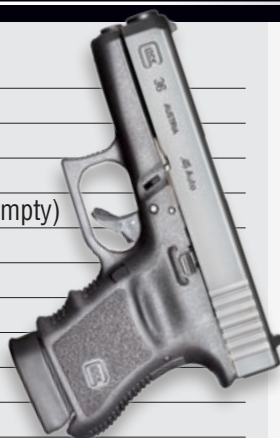
Choice is good. The wide range of concealable subcompacts offered by Glock is one reason why most gun shops will tell you that this brand is their dominant seller. For more information, visit us.glock.com or call 770-432-1202.

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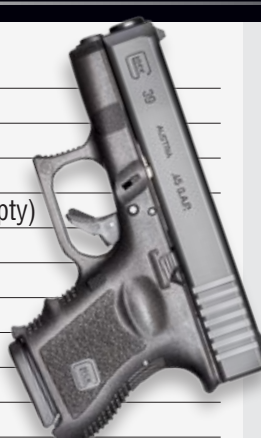
GLOCK 36

Caliber: .45 ACP
Barrel: 3.77 inches
OA Length: 6.96 inches
Weight: 22.42 ounces (empty)
Grips: Polymer
Sights: Fixed
Action: Safe Action
Finish: Black
Capacity: 6+1
MSRP: \$637



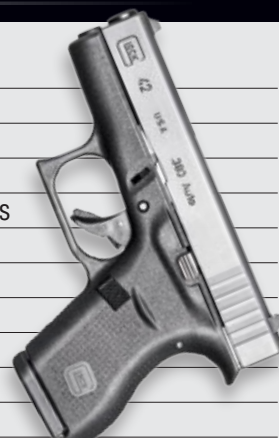
GLOCK 39

Caliber: .45 GAP
Barrel: 3.42 inches
OA Length: 6.49 inches
Weight: 24.18 ounces (empty)
Grips: Polymer
Sights: Fixed
Action: Safe Action
Finish: Black
Capacity: 6+1
MSRP: \$614



GLOCK 42

Caliber: .380 ACP
Barrel: 3.25 inches
OA Length: 5.94 inches
Weight: 13.76 ounces
Grips: Polymer
Sights: Fixed
Action: Safe Action
Finish: Black
Capacity: 6+1
MSRP: \$480



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- Getting gross survival foods that taste terrible and are so high in salt, MSG and preservatives you could clog your arteries and get yourself sick...
- Or simply buying the wrong foods and leaving a critical hole in your meal plan, which means your family can become malnourished...

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THE SIG SAUER P290 made its debut in 2011. A double-action-only (DAO) 9mm, this pistol was for those who wanted a reliable backup gun with a revolver's trigger pull but in a much slimmer, more concealable package.

An enhanced version, the P290RS, soon took its place in 2012. The new .380 ACP variant of the P290RS comes in four versions that differ with respect to slide finish, frame color, grip inserts and the inclusion of an integrated laser mounted beneath the dust cover. The laser can be easily added to any variant.

The "RS" in P290RS stands for "Re-Strike," which refers to the trigger mechanism. The original P290 had a DA trigger that would only reset when the slide moved rearward after firing. That trigger still was DAO, but it only allowed the hammer a single strike. The RS design works like a DAO revolver, making dry-fire practice much easier. The other improvements from the P290 are the subtly reshaped grip that fits far better in the hand, the reshaped slide-stop lever and magazine catch, and a finger groove added to the magazine's baseplate. All of these make the RS model superior to its predecessor in my opinion. This pistol also works well for left-handed shooters: the slide lock is easily activated despite being designed for right-handed shooters and the magazine release is reversible.

The P290RS comes with two magazines: a flush-fit mag that holds six rounds and an ex-

tended version that holds eight. The extended magazine has a polymer grip extender with the same spider-web texture used on the grips. The pistol comes with a fitted, polymer, right-hand paddle holster with a slight forward cant.

The P290RS has a trigger pull specification of 9 pounds and my sample broke at 9.2 pounds using a Lyman electronic trigger gauge. The reset has the same starting point as a DA revolver's. Travel length is 0.84 inches and the trigger shoe has a smooth, curved face. The P290RS is 5.5 inches long, 3.9 inches high with the standard magazine and 1.3 high wide. Like all Sig Sauer pistols, the P290RS has a firing-pin block that only releases when the trigger is depressed, making it safe to carry in a proper holster with a round in the chamber.

Range Report

Accuracy testing was done at 7 yards using loads from Winchester, Federal and Black Hills. All loads shot very consistently and under 1.75 inches. The Winchester load seemed to perform best, with a best group of 0.65 inches and an average



P290RS



Sig's new P290RS features an advanced "Re-Strike" trigger as well as a reshaped grip frame, slide stop and magazine release button.



SIG SAUER P290RS



Note the P290RS' beveled stainless slide (left), textured grip, finger-rest magazine (center), SigLite night sights and rear slide serrations (right).

of 1 inches. This test only shows the P290RS pistol's mechanical accuracy and ammunition consistency.

All five shots from all loads printed together on the target, and the sights were perfectly regulated, with shots landing exactly on the point of aim. That's a huge plus for fixed-sight pistols where drifting sights mounted in dovetails usually requires a costly adjustment tool and lots of patience to zero.

For handguns made solely for self-defense like the P290RS, mechanical ac-

curacy takes a back seat to practical accuracy, or how a pistol performs once the shooting starts. The more relevant test is to show the practical accuracy of the P290RS when firing it off-hand and at speed. Here, practical accuracy is heavily influenced by ergonomics, sights, the trigger and shooter skill. Firing with a two-handed grip unsupported at 7 yards, five shots could be fired into a group of 2.5 inches or less within five seconds using the short magazine. This pistol is too small for a three-finger grip with

the standard six-round magazine, but using the eight-round version with a grip adapter allows a full-hand grip and improves handling significantly.

Shooting a DAO defensive pistol is all about working the trigger in a manner that deflects the sights minimally. With a small pistol like the P290RS, adapting both your grip and trigger technique are necessary. For defensive shooting, you will need to make a relatively quick, continuous trigger press straight to the rear when rapid shoot-

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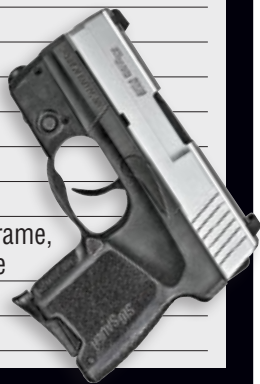
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SPECIFICATIONS

SIG SAUER P290RS TWO-TONE

Caliber:	.380 ACP
Barrel:	2.9 inches
OA Length:	5.5 inches
Weight:	16.4 ounces
Grips:	Polymer
Sights:	SigLite night
Action:	DAO
Finish:	Matte black frame, stainless slide
Capacity:	6+1
MSRP:	\$513



PERFORMANCE

Load	Velocity	Accuracy
Black Hills 95 JHP	858	1.00
Federal 95 FMJ	875	1.75
Winchester 95 FMJ	846	0.65

*Bullet weight measured in grains,
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ing is required. However, if time is on your side, the mechanics of the P290RS make a staged trigger press quite easy for an accurate, precision shot. Staging the trigger is possible because it has a predictable let-off at the end of its movement. This allows the trigger to be pressed nearly completely, thus holding the hammer near its release point while you make your final sight alignment before a gentle, final press.

Be mindful that staging the trigger in this manner is a practiced skill, and unlikely to be needed for the defensive uses to which this pistol is intended. Learn this technique only for exceptional use, because developing a good primary game that you use instinctively when needed—delivering two rapid hits on target—matters more.

Final Shots

The P290RS has a smooth trigger stroke that, at 9 pounds, is the middle of the road for a DA pull in my experience. For quick, accurate shooting, both the trigger press and trigger release matter greatly because rapidly recovering your sights is necessary for accurate follow-up shots. With proper dry-fire practice concentrating on grip, trigger finger placement and, above all, trigger finger movement, rapid DA shooting is obtainable with the P290RS. Just watch the sights to coach yourself to make it happen. For more information, visit sigsauer.com or call 866-345-6744.

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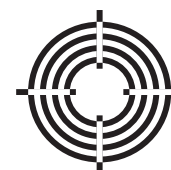


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BY ROBERT A. SADOWSKI



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Now well into the 21st century, Walther is still at the top of its game producing accurate, safe and reliable pistols that give those who carry concealed a sense of comfort and security.

The PPS (Police Pistol Slim) is bred for concealability without compromising on caliber. Although it is the size of most .380 ACP pistols on the market today, it is chambered in either 9mm or .40 S&W, which are serious calibers normally reserved for full-sized pistols. Not only compact, the PPS is also

slim—noticeably slim—with a slide width that measures less than an inch thick.

The exterior is smooth and snag free. The slide stop, magazine release and take-down lever are inset into the frame and flow seamlessly with the lines of the pistol, affording the user fast retrieval when needed. The rear slide serrations offer a good grip when racking the slide, an advantage when operating a small pistol. At the rear of the slide is a cocking indicator that protrudes from the rear of the slide to give a user both tactile and visible status of the pistol. On top are rugged three-dot sights.

The ergonomic polymer frame comes with two backstrap sizes, small and large, that allow the grip to be adjusted to fit a

user's hand size. With the backstop removed, the PPS is unable to fire.

The striker-fired pistol's trigger uses a blade safety that requires the trigger to be fully pressed to fire the weapon. Trigger pull is about 6 pounds. The ambidextrous magazine releases is built into the rear of the triggerguard, and it's been slightly extended and serrated for ease of use. The PPS feeds off single-stack magazines available in three sizes—small, medium and large. The small six-round 9mm or five-round .40 S&W magazines fit flush with the butt. The medium and large sizes add extra rounds and extra overall height.

The new CCP (Concealed Carry Pistol) was designed specifically for just that.



The Walther PPS is a cutting-edge design with a slim profile and ergonomics to take your CCW capabilities to the next level.

Sean Utley photo

Rounded edges allow the CCP to be fast into action, and the ergonomic grip makes it a natural pointer. Unique with the CCP is the gas-delayed blowback system that uses gas from a fired round to slow down and delay the rearward motion of the slide. What this means is the CCP is a soft-recoiling pistol with less muzzle flip, which can translate into more rounds on target in rapid fire. This system also allows for the use of a lighter recoil spring assembly, making the slide easier to manipulate. An easily racked slide on a small pistol is a plus since small pistols have less surface area to grab onto, making some difficult to operate. The sights are of the three-dot variety. A manual thumb safety and internal firing pin safety are built in for

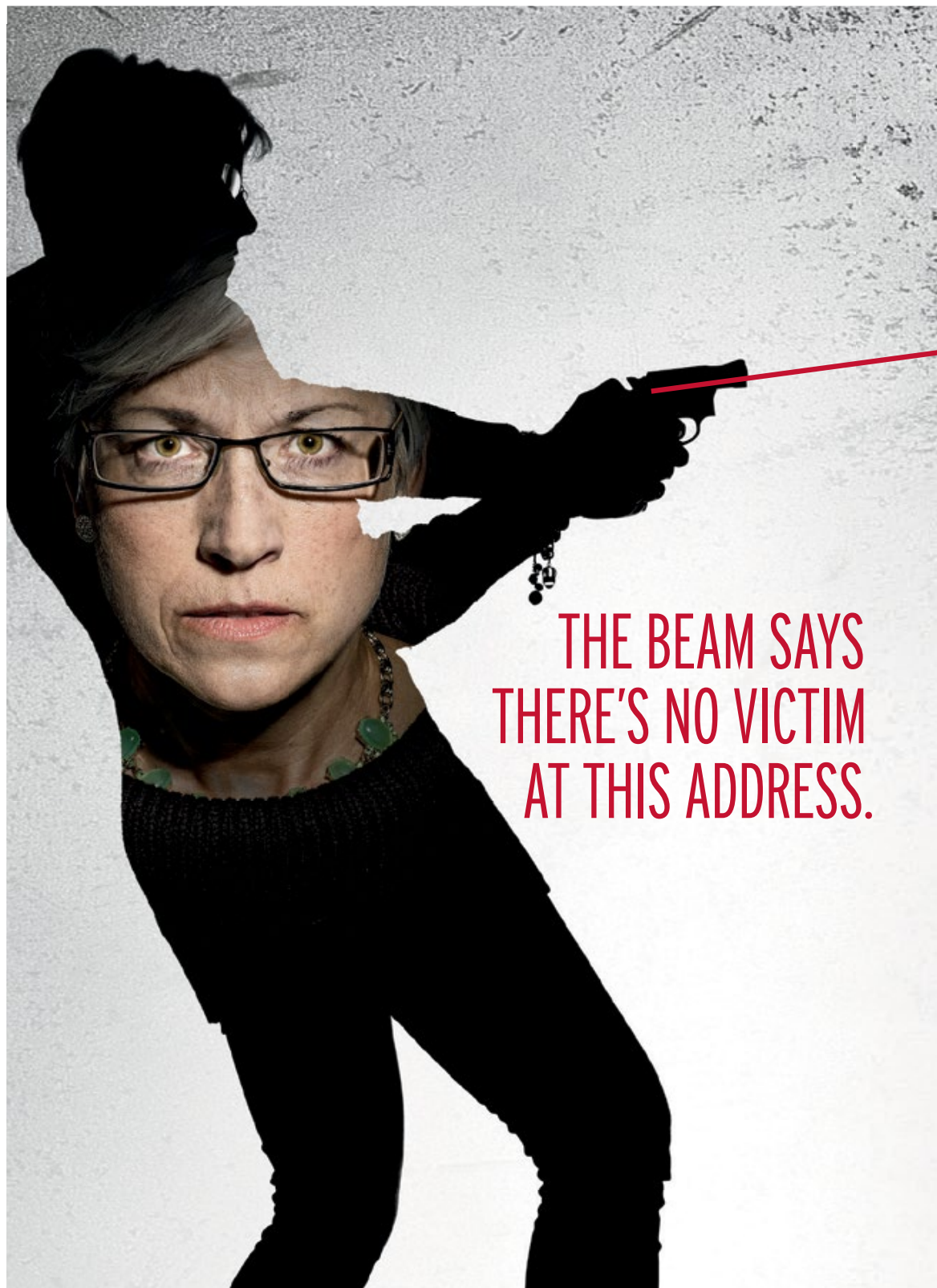
added safety. The magazine release can be reversed to suit either right- or left-handed shooters. The single-stack magazine holds eight 9mm cartridges and the floorplate has a built-in finger rest. With an 8+1 capacity and a carry weight of just over 22 ounces, the CCP is a very concealable and user-friendly pistol.

The PK380 is a more traditional pocket pistol in the sense that it uses a double-action/single-action (DA/SA) trigger with an exposed hammer and a manual thumb safety that blocks the hammer. Those traditional features, however, are built into a polymer frame and an aggressively contoured steel slide to create a pistol that's ergonomic, lightweight and which naturally fits your hand.

The ambidextrous safety is mounted on the sides of the slide so the thumb of either a right- or left-handed shooter can flip it up to fire the gun or rotate it downward to put it on "safe." The magazine release on the PK380 is similar to the PPS; it is ambidextrous and built into the triggerguard. The three-dot sights are large and fast on target.

Though the DA trigger pull is about 11 pounds, it feels like a lot less. In SA it is about 4 pounds. A finger rest is built into the magazine floorplate for a complete grip.

The iconic PPK has been in Walther's lineup since 1931 and is a benchmark in



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pocket pistol design. Although the PPK is constructed with a traditional steel frame, it weighs less than 23 ounces. The trigger system is also traditional DA/SA with a 13- and 6-pound pull, respectively. The PPK features a decocking safety that lowers the hammer.

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SPECIFICATIONS

WALTHER PPS

Caliber: 9mm, .40 S&W
Barrel: 3.2 inches
OA Length: 6.3 inches
Weight: 20.8 ounces (empty)
Grips: Polymer
Sights: Fixed front, adjustable rear
Action: Striker-fired
Finish: Matte black
Capacity: 6+1 (9mm), 5+1 (.40 S&W)
MSRP: \$599



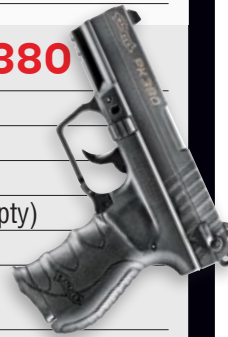
WALTHER CCP

Caliber: 9mm
Barrel: 3.54 inches
OA Length: 6.41 inches
Weight: 22.24 ounces (empty)
Grips: Polymer
Sights: Three dot
Action: Striker-fired
Finish: Matte black or two-tone
Capacity: 8+1
MSRP: \$469-\$489



WALTHER PK380

Caliber: .380 ACP
Barrel: 3.66 inches
OA Length: 6.5 inches
Weight: 19.2 ounces (empty)
Grips: Polymer
Sights: Fixed front, adjustable rear
Action: DA/SA
Finish: Matte black or two-tone
Capacity: 8+1
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WALTHER PPK

Caliber: .380 ACP
Barrel: 3.3 inches
OA Length: 6.1 inches
Weight: 22.4 ounces (empty)
Grips: Polymer
Sights: Fixed front, adjustable rear
Action: DA/SA
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Compact defenders built to deliver enhanced CCW defense 24/7!



BY JORGE AMSELLE

Kimber has displayed amazing versatility in the 1911 market, introducing a plethora of models to suit all tastes. In addition, each and every Kimber pistol displays a high degree of individual attention, resulting in outstanding reliability and accuracy. This is especially the case when it comes to the company's subcompact and pocket pistols.

The company's introduction of the Ultra RCP II (LG) represents a new level of craftsmanship that equals that of custom shops while remaining extremely competitive on price. Like all Kimber pistols, it is made in the U.S., with all the critical components made by Kimber to an extreme high-quality standard. Because of this, Kimber 1911s are the pistols of choice for several elite law enforcement and military units, including the Los Angeles Police Department SWAT team and the U.S. Marines assigned to special operations. Many top competitive shooters also rely on Kimber pistols for their accuracy and reliability.

Sapphire Ultra II

A firearm is as much a self-defense tool as it is a reflection of one's personality and tastes. For those who have a flair for the dramatic there is the Sapphire Ultra

II from Kimber, which offers unique style and extreme performance in a very small package. This SA pistol is chambered in 9mm for enhanced control and reduced recoil. Another advantage of this chambering is added magazine capacity, and it also keeps the gun's dimensions and weight as slim as possible. Weight reduction is also achieved by the use of an aluminum frame. Most notably, however, is the bright and highly polished sapphire blue finish on the stainless steel slide, with added touches of attractive engraving. That finish is also found in the pins and controls of the pistol, including the beavertail grip safety, magazine release, slide stop and extended

The Kimber Ultra RCP II (LG) offers big-bore .45 ACP firepower yet is the smallest and lightest pistol of its kind. Note its Crimson Trace Lasergrips for faster targeting.



Photo courtesy Kimber



Steve Woods photo



Looks and performance to match! The super-slim Kimber Sapphire Ultra II brings 8+1 rounds of reliable 9mm firepower.

ambidextrous thumb safety. The blue/black G10 grips also contrast nicely with the matte silver frame. The Sapphire Ultra II also features Tactical Wedge three-dot sights.

Ultra RCP II (LG)

The Ultra RCP II (LG) is the smallest and lightest pistol of its kind that Kimber has made. This is a single-action (SA) pistol chambered in .45 ACP and loaded with innovative features for defensive use. The entire pistol has been “dehorned,” meaning that all of the sharp edges have been smoothed and rounded, giving it a distinctive “melted” look. This process makes the pistol much smoother and faster on the draw.

Most 1911s have big sights befitting a big pistol, but not so on the Ultra RCP II (LG). Instead, the sights are virtually nonexistent—unless you are looking at them from the shooter’s perspective. Here Kimber uses a channel to enclose the rear sight for a completely snag-free profile.

Instead of a high-swept beavertail grip safety, Kimber has bobbed the grip safety so that the web of the shooter’s hand is still fully protected against “hammer bite” but the pistol becomes much

more concealable. The Commander-style hammer and ambidextrous thumb safety have been similarly treated and are also bobbed, making them both smaller but still fully functional.

In order to bring the weight down to just 25 ounces (unloaded), Kimber uses an aluminum frame with a matte grey finish. This nicely complements the matte black finish on the steel slide and the stainless steel, match-grade barrel. As befitting a pistol meant for defense in the harshest conditions, which often means low light, the Ultra RCP II (LG) comes with top-of-the-line, grip-activated Crimson Trace red Lasergrips. The polymer grips have a rosewood finish with a double-diamond design and feature the Kimber logo.

Master Carry Ultra

Just because you carry a subcompact doesn’t mean it has to be a “mouse gun,” and if a big-bore .45 ACP is the only defensive round for you, then the Kimber Master Carry Ultra will deliver with 7+1 capacity. Built for concealed carry, this gun features a weight-reducing aluminum satin silver frame with a rounded heel to help prevent printing and offer more comfortable close-to-the-body carry. The match-grade barrel and low-profile three-dot sights will keep



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SPECIFICATIONS

KIMBER ULTRA RCP II (LG)

Caliber: .45 ACP
Barrel: 3 inches
OA Length: 6.8 inches
Weight: 25 ounces (empty)
Grips: Crimson Trace Lasergrip
Sights: Fixed, Crimson Trace
Action: SA
Finish: KimPro II
Capacity: 7+1
MSRP: \$1,651



KIMBER SAPPHIRE ULTRA II

Caliber: 9mm
Barrel: 3 inches
OA Length: 6.8 inches
Weight: 25 ounces (empty)
Grips: G10
Sights: Tactical Wedge three-dot
Action: SA
Finish: Polished PVD
Capacity: 8+1
MSRP: \$1,652



KIMBER MASTER CARRY ULTRA

Caliber: .45 ACP
Barrel: 3 inches
OA Length: 6.8 inches
Weight: 25 ounces (empty)
Grips: Crimson Trace Lasergrips
Sights: Three-dot, Crimson Trace
Action: SA
Finish: KimPro II
Capacity: 7+1
MSRP: \$1,568



KIMBER MICRO CARRY

Caliber: .380 ACP
Barrel: 2.75 inches
OA Length: 5.6 inches
Weight: 13.4 ounces (empty)
Grips: Synthetic
Sights: Fixed
Action: SA
Finish: Matte black
Capacity: 6+1
MSRP: \$651



KIMBER SOLO

Caliber: 9mm
Barrel: 2.7 inches
OA Length: 5.5 inches
Weight: 17 ounces (empty)
Grips: Synthetic
Sights: Fixed
Action: Striker-fired
Finish: Satin silver
Capacity: 6+1
MSRP: \$815



you on target, and for low-light conditions the gun also comes standard with Crimson Trace Lasergrips. The stainless steel slide features a matte black KimPro II finish and the pistol also boasts a full-length guide rod. The aluminum match-grade trigger is factory set to between 4 and 5 pounds on this SA pistol, and the no-nonsense design has a left-side-only thumb safety release to keep the width to a minimum.

Micro Carry

As the name implies, the Kimber Micro Carry is a small pocket pistol. Very similar to a standard 1911, this is also an SA, semi-automatic handgun. However, several differences are apparent, most notably the .380 ACP chambering and the lack of a grip safety. A left-side thumb safety is still standard. For those who prefer a compact, real-metal, reliable pocket pistol, the Micro Carry certainly fits. Weighing only 13.4 ounces, this pistol uses a stainless steel slide and aluminum frame. For improved function and reliability the Micro has a lowered and flared ejection port. The magazine well has been beveled for easier and faster mag changes and reloading. The pistol also comes with

fully functional steel sights dovetailed into the slide. The standard flush-fit magazine offers 6+1 capacity, and an extended seven-round capacity magazine is available, which makes for a good backup.

Solo Carry

The Solo Carry subcompact pocket pistol from Kimber represents a radical departure from the traditional 1911 pistols the company is known for. This is truly a modern design that still incorporates the classic feel and ergonomics of the 1911 with a smooth, 7-pound, striker-fired trigger mechanism. Chambered for the 9mm cartridge, the Solo offers 6+1 capacity and the benefits of an ambidextrous magazine release and thumb safety. The low-profile fixed sights provide fast target acquisition, and the entire pistol has been dehorned for a very smooth and snag-free draw. The frame is machined from aluminum for weight reduction, topping the scales at a low 17 ounces, and the slide and barrel are stainless steel for superior corrosion resistance. The synthetic grips feature aggressive checkering for a solid purchase and the triggerguard is undercut for a higher grip.

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The Model 442 Moon Clip is very versatile and can perform accurately with or without the moon clip. The result is a powerful, capable and compact wheelgun.

MOON CLIP

I'M A DIE-HARD FAN

of the small J-Frame Smith & Wesson revolvers, so when I discovered this new Model 442 variant I had to check it out. It is different from your standard Model 442 in a couple of ways. First off, it's called the Model 442 Moon Clip. The full-moon clip, or moon clip for short, has been very popular with competitive revolver shooters, as it makes for a quick reload. It's not as bulky as a speedloader for carrying extra ammunition and has no working parts to malfunction or break. S&W mated this moon-clip concept with a Model 442-1 in .38 Special +P. The back portion of the cylinder was machined out to give some extra room for the thin stainless steel clip that holds five cartridges. They are held in place using the extraction groove located just ahead of the rim on the cartridge. A plus is the fact that the revolver will still work with loose rounds and can be reloaded using one of the more conventional devices if desired, with no adverse effect on function or accuracy.

The revolver itself has a 1.88-inch barrel with five-groove, right-hand-twist rifling. It will take any modern .38 Special load, from mid-range wadcutter target ammo up to +P JHP cartridges that are optimal for defense use. It has a double-action (DA) firing mechanism, but due to its internal hammer, it cannot be manually cocked. Its 0.12-inch-wide, ramp-type front sight is serrated to reduce glare and sits atop a narrow barrel rib. The fixed rear sight consists of a square notch machined into the rear of the topstrap with a channel running out almost to the barrel.

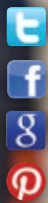
The aluminum alloy frame gives it an empty weight of 15 ounces, and it has an overall length of 6.31 inches and a height of 4.24 inches. It has a round-butt grip frame and black, two-piece rubber grips with finger grooves and stippled panels. The finish is a business-like matte black except for the extractor star and the color-casehardened trigger.

Range Time

At the range I started by setting up my Oehler Model 35P chronograph to get some velocity measurements from the short-barreled Model 442 Moon Clip so as to compare them with factory specifications. Factory muzzle velocity specifications for the Federal NyClad are stated as 830 feet per second (fps), while the Speer cartridge lists 860 fps, and the Winchester round shows a 908 fps listing. You can see the velocity figures I obtained in the accompanying table. Two were lower and one was actually higher, but all in all I was pretty impressed, considering the little revolver's sub-2-inch barrel and barrel-cylinder gap.

I tested the revolver's accuracy from a bench using a sand-bag rest at 7 yards, owing to the short sight radius and DAO trigger. The 1.88-inch barrel is inherently as accurate as a longer barrel, but the reduced sight radius and small fixed sights make it a little more difficult to

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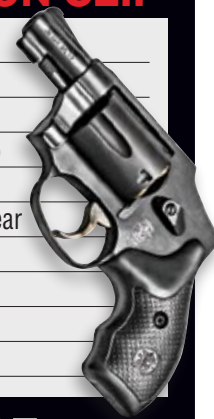


S&W 442 MOON CLIP

SPECIFICATIONS

SMITH & WESSON MODEL 442 MOON CLIP

Caliber: .38 Special +P
Barrel: 1.88 inches
OA Length: 6.31 inches
Weight: 15 ounces (empty)
Grips: Synthetic
Sights: Front ramp, fixed rear
Action: DAO
Finish: Matte black
Capacity: 5
MSRP: \$499



PERFORMANCE

Load	Velocity	Accuracy
Federal Premium 125 NyClad HP	810	1.98
Speer LE 135 Gold Dot HP +P	916	2.02
Winchester PDX1 +P 130 JHP	854	2.79

*Bullet weight measured in grains,
velocity in fps, and accuracy in inches
for best five-shot groups at 7 yards.*

accurately fire this type of handgun. That being said, the Model 442 was quite accurate, with one particular five-shot group having four hits in a cluster that measured 0.63 inches until a flyer opened it up to 2.27 inches. The best five-shot group was produced with the Federal NyClad load, clustering into 1.98 inches. No groups were over 3 inches.

For the combat shooting exercise, I loaded up my moon clips, a speedloader and a quick-strip with a Federal 130-grain FMJ load and set up a silhouette target at 15 yards. I modified the combat qualification course I usually use during tests for the reduced ammo capacity of the Model 442. Shooting was done using a point-shoulder stance using only the strong and then support hand at 3 yards, then back to 7 yards, where I drew and fired two double-taps. Then, on the fifth shot, I did a combat reload with a moon clip and fired once more. For the last four shots, I fired three into center-mass and one to the head. Backing up to 15 yards, I fired from behind a barricade: two shots standing on the left side, two standing from the right side and one kneeling on the right side, for 25 rounds. In short, the J-Frame was up to the task.

Were I in the market today for a small revolver, the Smith & Wesson Model 442 Moon Clip would be on a very short list for consideration. Couple it with a short-barrel .38 Special load and you will have a winning combination. For more information, visit smith-wesson.com or call 800-331-0852. **PP**



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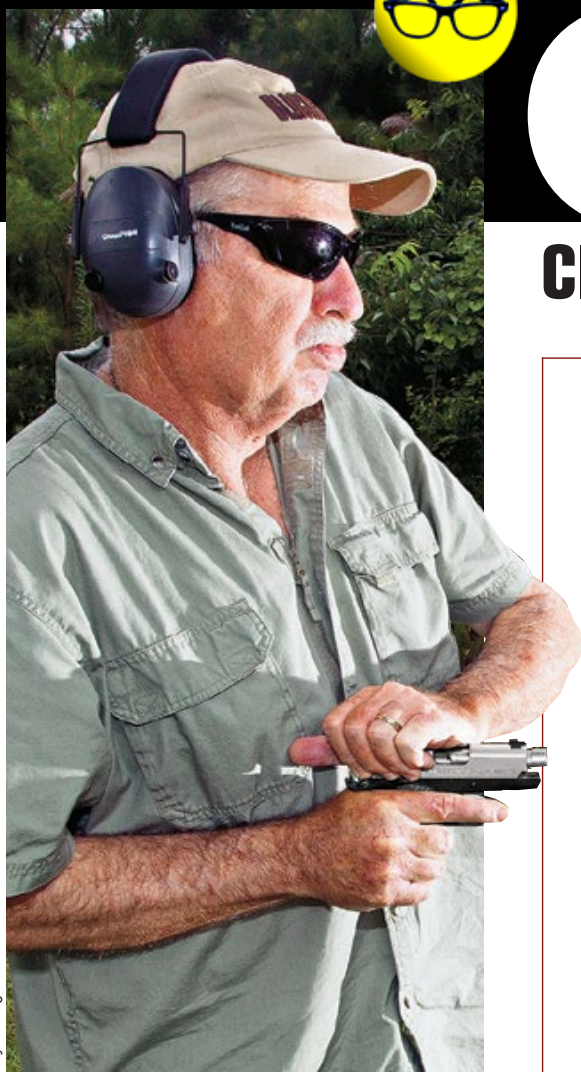




COVER

Classic design downsized to deliver compact

Guy J. Sagi Photo



The very name of the 1911 pistol is a testament to the design's longevity, reliability and versatility. These qualities have caused the pistol's popularity to not only remain constant since its advent, but to spike sharply in recent years. The 1911 is the pinnacle of what a semi-auto pistol strives to be and rides in many concealed-carry holsters.

With so many small companies offering custom and small-run 1911s, along with many of the major handgun manufacturers bringing their own versions to market, there are a lot of guns to choose from. Read on to see some of today's top micro 1911 pistol options.



Taylor's 1911 Compact Carry

The Compact Carry tactical pistol provides comfort and versatility for a shooter because of its components and size. The semi-auto, recoil-operated, compact tactical model is chambered in .45 ACP and holds seven rounds. It has a snag-free, Novak-style rear sight and a dovetail-mounted front sight for a high-visibility sight picture. It also has a high-swept beavertail grip safety and a GI thumb safety for ease of use. (taylorsfirearms.com; 540-722-2017)

SPECIFICATIONS

Caliber: .45 ACP • **Barrel:** 3.6 inches
OA Length: 8.38 inches • **Weight:** 37.5 ounces
Grips: Checkered walnut
Sights: Front blade, adjustable rear
Action: SA • **Finish:** Parkerized
Capacity: 7+1 • **MSRP:** \$585



Para Warthog

Para is famous for its double-column, wide-frame 1911s, breaking from the traditional single-stack magazine design. The Warthog is much the same, only with a 3-inch barrel and a shortened grip, reducing the capacity from 14 to 10 rounds. A bumper on the magazine allows the shooter to get all three fingers on the butt for better control. It's tiny, extremely concealable, and with its all-steel construction, it has a nice weight allowing for great control with such a small gun. (para-usa.com; 888-999-9386)

SPECIFICATIONS

Caliber: .45 ACP • **Barrel:** 3 inches
OA Length: 6.5 inches
Weight: 31 ounces (empty) • **Grips:** Polymer
Sights: Dot rear, fiber-optic front
Action: SA • **Finish:** Nitride
Capacity: 10+1 • **MSRP:** \$884



Citadel M-1911

Available as a full-size or compact through Legacy Sports, the Citadel M-1911 is offered with wooden, Hogue Dymondwood or Hogue synthetic grips in .45 ACP or 9mm. There is also a black full-size model in .38 Super with wood grips. The new Cerakote models provide an attractive finish, but more importantly, the most durable protection against corrosion, impact and scratches. All guns comes with two magazines. (legacysports.com; 800-553-4229)

SPECIFICATIONS

Caliber: .45 ACP, 9mm • **Barrel:** 3.5 inches
OA Length: 7.5 inches • **Weight:** 33.6 ounces
Grips: Hogue Diamondwood or Hogue OD
Sights: Novak Carry • **Action:** SA
Finish: Cerakote (OD, pewter, brushed nickel)
Capacity: 7+1 (.45), 8+1 (9mm) • **MSRP:** \$741



Sig Sauer 1911 Ultra Nitron

Packing .45 ACP power into an ultra-compact, low-key package, the Sig Sauer 1911 Ultra Nitron sports a short 3.3-inch barrel and a capacity of seven rounds. Featuring a light alloy frame and an overall weight of just 28 ounces, the Ultra Nitron is ready for discreet carry. Low profile SigLite night sights top off the slide, and custom Blackwood grips mate up with an extended beavertail grip safety for enhanced purchase and comfort. (sigsauer.com; 866-345-6744)

SPECIFICATIONS

Caliber: .45 ACP • **Barrel:** 3.3 inches
OA Length: 6.8 inches • **Weight:** 28 ounces
Grips: Blackwood
Sights: SigLite night sights
Action: SA • **Finish:** Nitron
Capacity: 7+1 • **MSRP:** \$1,176

CARRY 1911s

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Colt Defender Series

From the original manufacturer of the 1911 comes the Colt Defender series. With a wonderfully contoured, full-sized grip, it's easy to handle yet compact and solid as a hammer. It's a reliable workhorse, available in either .45 ACP or 9mm, that can handle lots of range practice and many hours in the holster. (colt.com; 800-962-2658)

SPECIFICATIONS

Caliber: .45 ACP, 9mm • **Barrel:** 3 inches
OA Length: 6.75 inches
Weight: 24 ounces (.45), 25 ounces (9mm)
Grips: Hogue Wraparound • **Sights:** Novak Carry
Action: SA • **Finish:** Brushed stainless
Capacity: 7+1 (.45), 8+1 (9mm) • **MSRP:** \$973



Desert Eagle 1911U

The appealing little Desert Eagle 1911U combines compact dimensions with big-bore firepower. With a light weight of 25.8 ounces, the 3-inch-barreled auto is ready for deep-cover carry that will provide peace of mind. A matte-black finish contrasts nicely with the checkered walnut grip panels, and low-profile sights offer an easy-to-pick-up sight picture. (magnumresearch.com; 508-635-4273)

SPECIFICATIONS

Caliber: .45 ACP • **Barrel:** 3 inches
OA Length: 6.85 inches • **Weight:** 25.8 ounces
Grips: Checkered walnut
Sights: Adjustable rear, dovetailed front
Action: SA • **Finish:** Matte black
Capacity: 6+1 • **MSRP:** \$946



Kimber Ultra TLE II (LG)

Here's what Kimber's concept of CCW looks like with the bells and whistles blaring. Featuring reduced dimensions and light weight, plus power and magazine capacity along with Crimson Trace Lasergrips, the TLE II is a truly complete carry package with a tactical edge. Rounded and blended edges ensure a clean draw every time, and a beveled magazine well speeds reloads. (kimberamerica.com; 888-243-4522)

SPECIFICATIONS

Caliber: .45 ACP • **Barrel:** 3 inches
OA Length: 6.8 inches • **Weight:** 25 ounces (empty)
Grips: Crimson Trace Lasergrips
Sights: Tritium night
Action: SA • **Finish:** Nitride
Capacity: 7+1 • **MSRP:** \$1,393



Springfield EMP

This is truly an example of a fine-tuned classic. Introduced in 2007 as the Enhanced Micro Pistol (EMP), the pistol's action is 0.125 inches shorter than Springfield's full-sized 1911. This allows for a shorter grip radius and provides excellent control. The overall dimensions are some of the smallest out there, and it's loaded with features and an impressive magazine capacity. (springfield-armory.com; 800-680-6866)

SPECIFICATIONS

Caliber: 9mm, .40 • **Barrel:** 3 inches
OA Length: 6.6 inches
Weight: 27 ounces (empty) • **Grips:** G10
Sights: Tritium three-dot • **Action:** SA
Finish: Black hardcoat anodized frame, satin stainless slide
Capacity: 9+1 (9mm), 8+1 (.40) • **MSRP:** \$1,345



STI Escort

Built on an aluminum Officer's Model frame, the lightweight Escort will be easy for any 1911 shooter to handle right out of the box. Three-dot sights, including STI's adjustable rear, provide easy target acquisition and won't snag on the draw. With a flared ejection port and bull barrel, the Escort is a fine example of a high-quality CCW 1911 from a respected manufacturer. (stiguns.com; 512-819-0656)

SPECIFICATIONS

Caliber: 9mm, .45 ACP
Barrel: 3.24 inches • **OA Length:** 7 inches
Weight: 22.7 ounces (.45 ACP)
Grips: Cocobolo • **Sights:** Three-dot, adjustable rear
Action: SA • **Finish:** Cerakoted frame, blued slide
Capacity: 8+1 (9mm), 6+1 (.45 ACP)
MSRP: \$1,233



Wilson Combat Ultralight Sentinel

This is the smallest, lightest pistol made by the always-reliable Wilson Combat. Made with top-tier components and optimized for high-performance 9mm loads, the Ultralight Sentinel is designed for concealment with a rounded-butt frame that helps to guide the hand immediately into a strong shooting position. This pistol is one of the best Wilson Combat has to offer, and it's just plain tough looking. (wilsoncombat.com; 800-955-4856)

SPECIFICATIONS

Caliber: 9mm • **Barrel:** 3.6 inches
OA Length: 7.2 inches
Weight: 25.2 ounces (empty) • **Grips:** G10 Starburst
Sights: Battlesight rear, fiber-optic front
Action: SA • **Finish:** Matte black
Capacity: 8+1 • **MSRP:** N/A

DEEP COVER

DIAMONDBACKS



The ultra-compact DB380 delivers threat-stopping .380 power in a subcompact package!

BY PAUL SCARLATA

The Diamondback Firearms Company of Cocoa, Florida, offers a line of subcompact .380 ACP pistols that would be very suitable for concealed carry by licensed civilians and police officers who need a small, lightweight, concealable pistol for backup or off-duty carry—the Diamondback DB380 series.

The DB380 uses a glass-reinforced polymer frame, which means the pistol tips the scales at a mere 8.8 ounces and is only 0.75 inches wide. The slide is machined from 4140 steel and has a matte blue finish that protects it from wear and environmental extremes, while a generously sized ejection port and large extractor ensure that fired cases get out of the way reliably. The slide reciprocates on four chrome-moly steel rails, two on the cam block and a pair on the rear frame rail. The magazine catch and trigger are also constructed from chrome-moly steel and have a black-oxide finish, while the other parts of the trigger mechanism are Melonite-treated for increased durability.

While in the past most .380 ACP pistols were blowback designs, the DB380 uses a variation of the Browning locking system in which the hood of the barrel chamber moves up into (and bears against) the front edge of the ejection port. Using a locked breech allows the pistol to be lighter in weight and helps reduce the felt recoil. The latter is also softened somewhat by the polymer frame flexing some of the recoil pulse. In keeping with its intended role in life as a close-range, defensive handgun, the DB380 uses a double-action-only

(DAO) trigger, which Diamondback refers to as the “Zero-Energy” striker firing system. Unlike many of this breed of pistols, the action of the slide does not partially cock, or pre-load, the striker. Instead, when the trigger is pulled, dual trigger bars retract the striker completely before tripping the sear to release it and fire a cartridge.

The pistol’s six-round magazine has a finger-rest baseplate that allows a two-finger grip on the little pistol, which improves handling and recoil control to a marked degree. The magazine release is located in the “proper” position (I really dislike those heel-mounted

magazine releases!) although the magazine did not fall free when the release was depressed. But considering the pistol’s role in life, I don’t really see this as problematic.

The only controls are the magazine release and trigger, and the former projects only slightly from the frame. This gives the pistol a smooth, snag-free exterior that will not hang up when drawn from concealment, exactly what you want on a pistol that is going to be carried concealed.

The shape of the grip, with its moderate tang, allows the shooter to get a high grip that places the hand close in line with the barrel axis. Combined with the impressed texturing on front- and backstraps, the shooter can get a secure purchase, which helps when it comes to recoil control and faster follow-up shots.

Range Time

In testing the Diamondback DB380, I found it had a chunky, squared-off profile, but I was impressed right away by its excellent ergonomics. The grip fit my hand nicely

SPECIFICATIONS

DIAMONDBACK DB380



Caliber:	.380 ACP
OA Length:	5.26 inches
Barrel:	2.8 inches
Weight:	8.8 ounces
Grips:	Polymer
Sights:	Bar-dot
Action:	Striker-fired
Finish:	Matte black
Capacity:	6+1
MSRP:	\$394

PERFORMANCE

Load	Velocity	Accuracy
Black Hills 100 FMJ	787	1.60
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Remington 102 Golden Saber	880	2.00

Bullet weight measured in grains, velocity in feet per second (fps) by chronograph and accuracy in inches for best five-shot groups at 10 yards.

“ I found Diamondback’s DB380 to be a fine little performer and would not hesitate to use it for everyday concealed carry. ”

Steve Woods photo

and the pistol pointed very naturally, a feature that I believe can be vitally important in a handgun used for close-range personal protection.

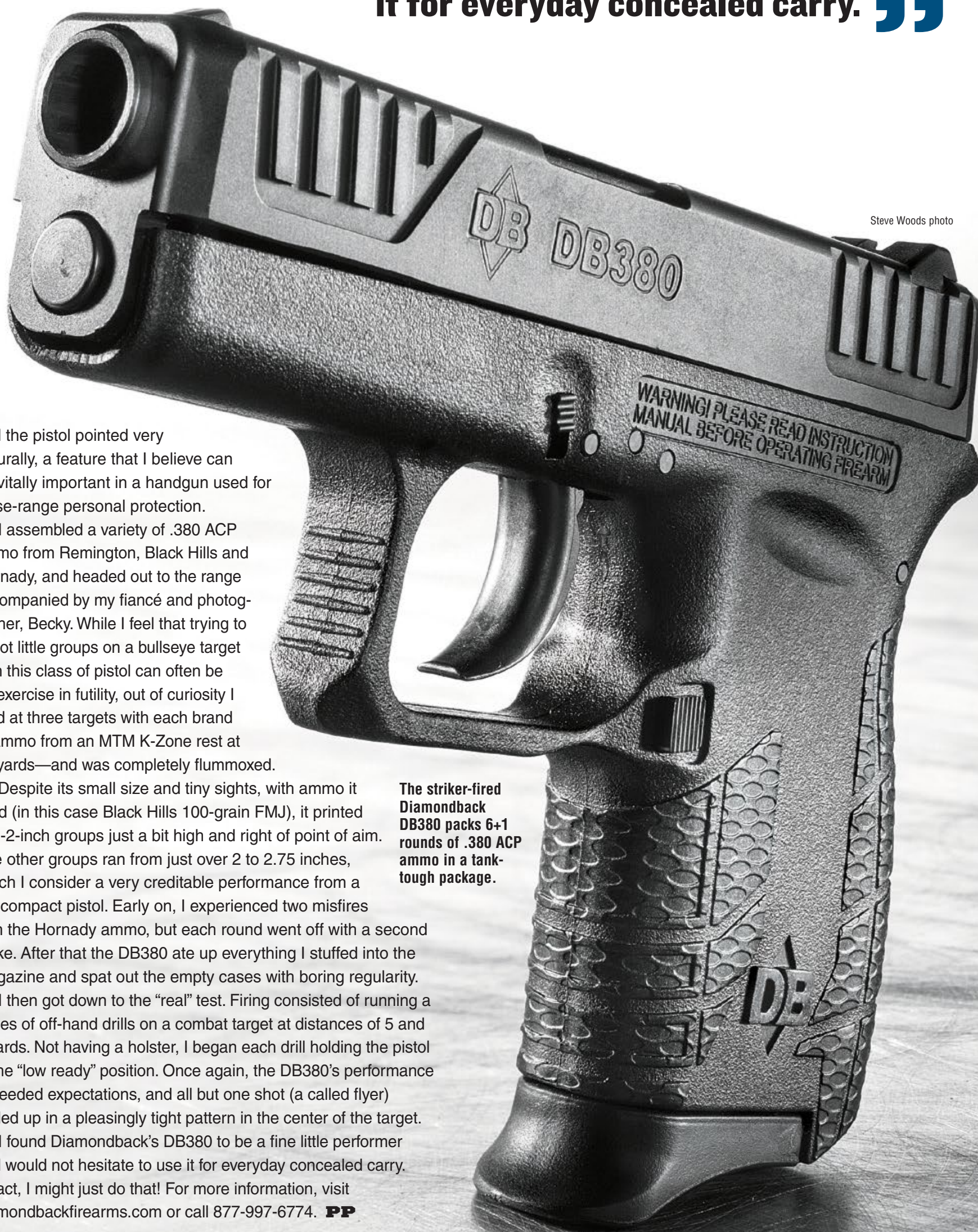
I assembled a variety of .380 ACP ammo from Remington, Black Hills and Hornady, and headed out to the range accompanied by my fiancé and photographer, Becky. While I feel that trying to shoot little groups on a bullseye target with this class of pistol can often be an exercise in futility, out of curiosity I fired at three targets with each brand of ammo from an MTM K-Zone rest at 10 yards—and was completely flummoxed.

Despite its small size and tiny sights, with ammo it liked (in this case Black Hills 100-grain FMJ), it printed sub-2-inch groups just a bit high and right of point of aim. The other groups ran from just over 2 to 2.75 inches, which I consider a very creditable performance from a subcompact pistol. Early on, I experienced two misfires with the Hornady ammo, but each round went off with a second strike. After that the DB380 ate up everything I stuffed into the magazine and spat out the empty cases with boring regularity.

I then got down to the “real” test. Firing consisted of running a series of off-hand drills on a combat target at distances of 5 and 7 yards. Not having a holster, I began each drill holding the pistol in the “low ready” position. Once again, the DB380’s performance exceeded expectations, and all but one shot (a called flyer) ended up in a pleasingly tight pattern in the center of the target.

I found Diamondback’s DB380 to be a fine little performer and would not hesitate to use it for everyday concealed carry. In fact, I might just do that! For more information, visit diamondbackfirearms.com or call 877-997-6774. **PP**

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BY JORGE AMSELLE • PHOTOS COURTESY BERETTA

Beretta has been in the business of satisfying the demands of military and civilian firearms customers for almost 500 years.

That is a long time for a family-owned business, or any other business for that matter. Firearms design has certainly changed over the years, and Beretta has not only kept up but also been a leader in innovation. It was hardly a surprise when Beretta won what may be considered the most coveted handgun purchasing contract in the world. In 1985, the United States military selected the Beretta 92 as its official sidearm, renaming it the M9 and replacing the venerable .45-caliber Model 1911.

While military contracts have played a significant role in Beretta's history, it has also been very much involved in the civilian market and made several small pocket pistols over the years. Today, the company caters to the needs of its concealed-carry customers with truly innovative designs using the latest in technological advancements and modern materials.

Pico Protection

In English, a "pico" is a mathematical term for "one-trillionth." In other words, something very, very small. It is hardly surprising that Beretta chose this

name for its new pocket pistol. Despite the Pico's extremely diminutive size, it is no mouse gun and is chambered for the .380 ACP cartridge. It is also loaded with extra features one would not expect to find in so small a package.

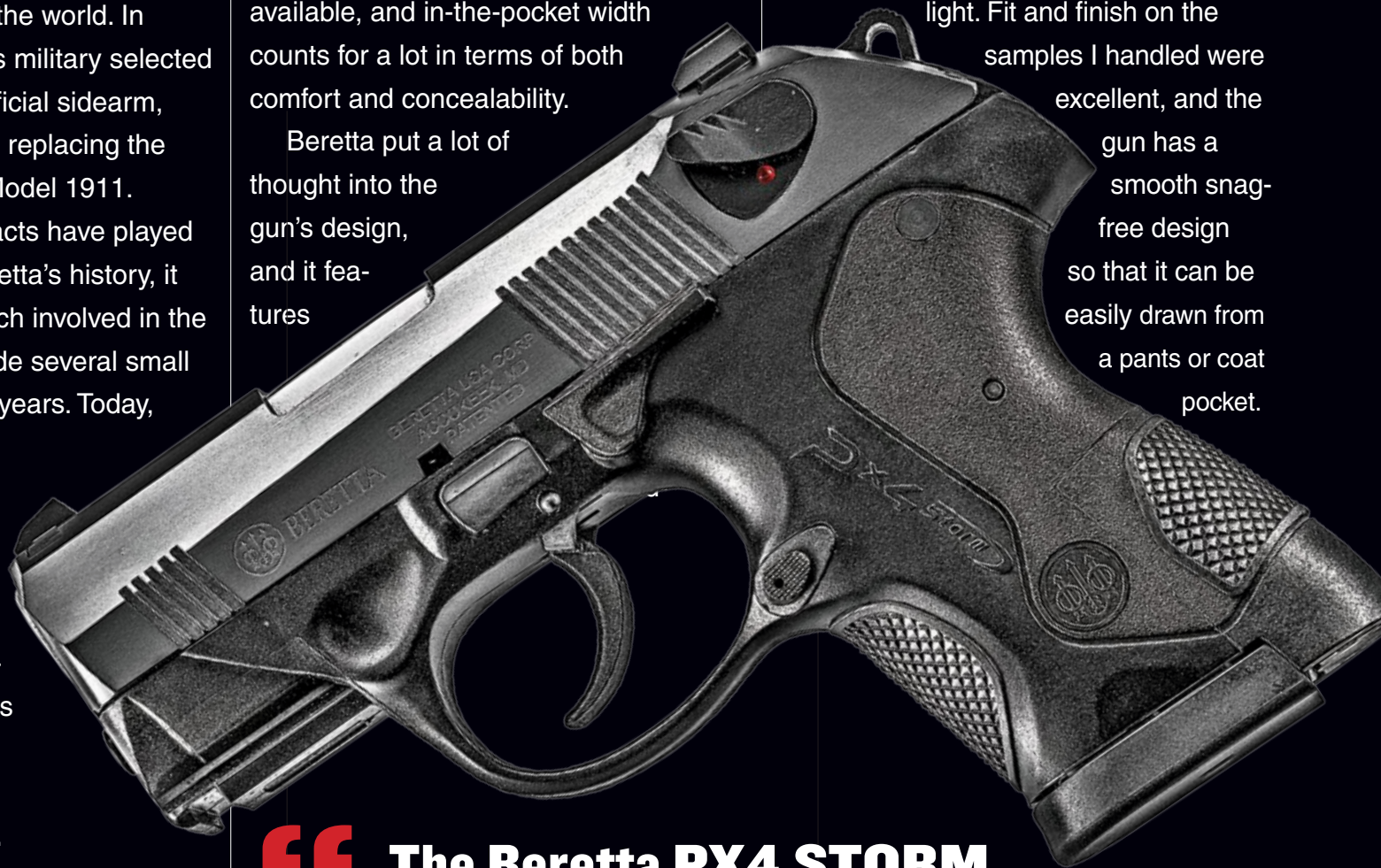
This double-action-only (DAO), hammer-fired pistol offers a six-round magazine and a lightweight polymer frame. At less than 11.5 ounces, it is among the lightest pocket pistols you can buy. With an overall width of 0.72 inches, it is the thinnest pocket pistol available, and in-the-pocket width counts for a lot in terms of both comfort and concealability.

Beretta put a lot of thought into the gun's design, and it features

adjustable and easily changeable three-dot sights (night sights are also an option), a functional slide release/lock and an ambidextrous magazine release. Most notable, however, is the modular design of the pistol, which allows the user to easily disassemble it and swap out barrels to convert the gun from a .380 to a .32 if so desired.

The serialized chassis allows the user to remove the polymer frame and swap it out for one with a different color, one with an integral laser unit or an integral tactical light. Fit and finish on the

samples I handled were excellent, and the gun has a smooth snag-free design so that it can be easily drawn from a pants or coat pocket.



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The crisp trigger features a 10-pound pull. While my test model featured a stainless trigger, current Picos have black triggers. The barrel mechanism has a minimal tilt design to improve reliability and help reduce recoil. This system allows defensive +P hollow-point ammunition to feed more reliably. When the action is pulled back, the tilt in the barrel is, in fact, barely noticeable.

The Pico also stands out in that it ships in a carry case with two magazines, one of which has a finger grip extension for easier shooting and an improved hold. All of this plus the Beretta name and reputation for quality is available at a very reasonable cost.

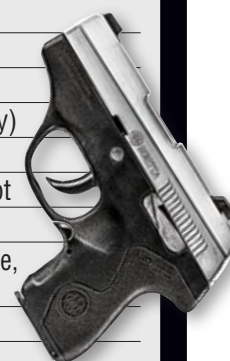
Nano Defense

Pocket pistols are most often thought of as underpowered, but that does not have to be the case, especially when it comes to

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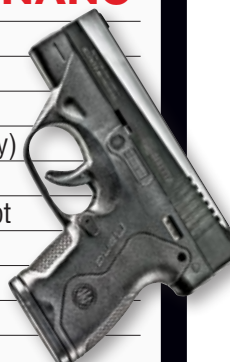
BERETTA PICO

Caliber:	.380 ACP
Barrel:	2.7 inches
OA Length:	5.1 inches
Weight:	11.5 ounces (empty)
Grips:	Polymer
Sights:	Adjustable three-dot
Action:	DAO
Finish:	Matte stainless slide, matte black frame
Capacity:	6+1
MSRP:	\$398-\$405



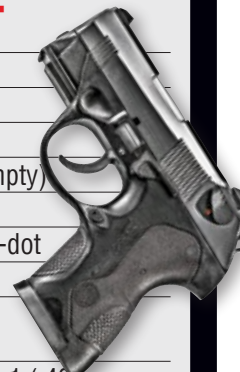
BERETTA BU9 NANO

Caliber:	9mm
Barrel:	3 inches
OA Length:	5.63 inches
Weight:	19.8 ounces (empty)
Grips:	Polymer
Sights:	Adjustable three-dot
Action:	Striker-fired
Finish:	Matte black
Capacity:	6+1
MSRP:	\$425-\$657



BERETTA PX4 STORM SUBCOMPACT

Caliber:	9mm/.40
Barrel:	3 inches
OA Length:	6.22 inches
Weight:	26.1 ounces (empty)
Grips:	Polymer
Sights:	Adjustable three-dot
Action:	DA/SA
Finish:	Matte black, matte stainless
Capacity:	13+1 (9mm)/10+1 (.40)
MSRP:	\$575-\$582



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the Beretta Nano. This 9mm, striker-fired subcompact, polymer-framed pistol offers a standard 6+1 capacity with an included extended eight-round magazine. My own preference is to carry with the flush-fit magazine and use the extended magazine as my spare carry mag.

The super-slick design is less than an inch wide and 5.63 inches long with no external controls at all, other than the reversible magazine release and the trigger. The unloaded weight is less than 20 ounces, making the Nano ideal for all-day carry. The pistol features adjustable three-dot sights and a serialized chassis with an interchangeable grip frame. Several colors and options are available including standard black, pink and FDE. Both LaserMax and Crimson Trace lasers are available.

PX4 Storm

Just because you want a pocket pistol doesn't mean you have to completely sacrifice capacity or power. The Beretta PX4 Storm Subcompact may be pushing the boundaries of what can be considered a pocket pistol, but it leaves nothing behind

Pocket pistols are most often thought of as underpowered, but that does not have to be the case, especially when it comes to the Beretta Nano.

in term of features and performance. Available in a 13+1 capacity 9mm or a 10+1 capacity .40, this hammer-fired, double-

action/single-action (DA/SA) pistol stays small but includes an accessory rail for compact lights/lasers, three-dot adjustable sights, an ambidextrous thumb safety, a reversible magazine release, a full-sized slide lock/release and a polymer frame with interchangeable backstraps. This pistol also features a recoil-mitigating tilt breech system, making it one of the most comfortable to shoot subcompacts available.

Beretta continues to innovate new products in the pocket pistol category, but traditionalists also have access to the company's older and still highly effective designs. Every day, more and more people secure concealed-carry permits and choose to prepare themselves for self-defense inside and outside the home. At last count, over 11 million people had concealed-carry permits, and this market is increasingly including women gun owners. Small, concealable and easy-to-shoot pocket pistols are not going away any time soon, and with improvements in firearms and ammunition design they are becoming much more effective than they ever were before. For more, visit berettausa.com or call 800-929-2901. **PP**



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BY JORGE AMSELLE



Bill Wilson started out in the family business as a jeweler, spending his time working on precision timepieces and doing competitive shooting on the side.

In 1977 he started Wilson Combat in Berryville, Arkansas, manufacturing almost by hand top-of-the-line, custom 1911 pistols.

The smallest 1911 pistols Wilson Combat makes are its Sentinel series subcompacts, with frames half an

inch shorter than a standard compact 1911 and 3.6-inch barrels. The most interesting version here is the Super Sentinel, chambered in the high-velocity .38 Super cartridge. The smaller diameter of the cartridge allows the loading of eight rounds in a single-stack magazine despite the pistol's compact dimensions. And, the .38 Super performs like a .357 Magnum while generating substantially less recoil.

The Super Sentinel weighs just a tad over 25 ounces (un-loaded) thanks to its aluminum frame, and

has an overall length of 7.2 inches, or 1.5 inches shorter than a full-sized 1911. It is also only 4.8 inches tall, or almost a full inch shorter than a standard 1911. The frontstrap features high-cut checkering that provides an excellent grip surface, especially when combined with the G10 slim grips, which feature fan-shaped cuts and the distinctive Wilson Combat medallion/logo.

Wilson has also added its own machined high-ride Bullet Proof beavertail grip safety and Bullet Proof thumb safety designed specifically for

Wilson Combat doesn't just make full-sized 1911 pistols. The Super Sentinel is a powerful compact pistol chambered in .38 Super.

Steve Woods photo

comfort and speed in competition or concealed carry. The 3.6-inch, stainless steel, heavy match-grade barrel features a tapered cone shape that dispenses with the usual bushing. This adds some weight to the front of the pistol, helping to reduce recoil and muzzle flip. The barrel is individually hand fitted on each pistol and has flutes along its length and on the outside of the chamber. This not only gives the pistol a very distinctive look but also helps trap dirt and fouling, keeping it out of

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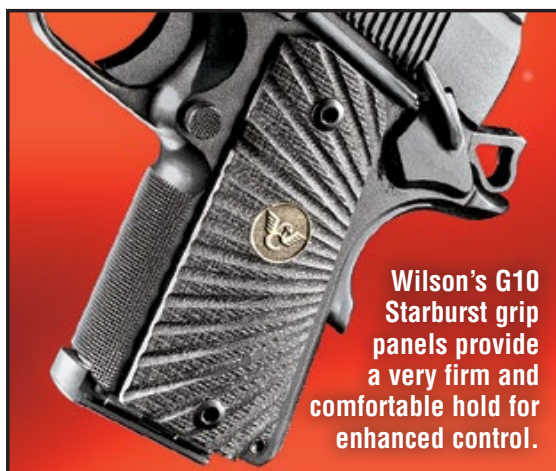


the action and improving functioning in all conditions. The full-length steel guide rod with a reverse plug also adds weight to the front of the pistol, improving control when firing.

Wilson Combat has also added combat sights to the pistol, which include a fiber-optic front sight for maximum visibility and fast target acquisition even in low-light situations. The contoured magazine well also aids in faster reloads. The single-stage trigger has been fine-tuned to provide a consistent 3.5 to 3.75 pounds of resistance and an extremely crisp break. Taken all together, it is not surprising that the Wilson Combat Super Sentinel comes with an ironclad accuracy guarantee of 1.5 inches at 25 yards.

Undercover 1911s

Wilson Combat designed the Ms. Sentinel in response to requests for specific features from female shooters, especially in regards to improving comfort and concealability. In addition to the many features of the Sentinel line, the Ms. Sentinel is chambered in 9mm to provide a good defensive load with minimal recoil. It features a lightweight subcompact aluminum frame with a round butt that helps prevent printing against clothing. The



Wilson's G10 Starburst grip panels provide a very firm and comfortable hold for enhanced control.

Steve Woods photo

beavertail grip safety and Commander-style hammer have been modified for improved concealment. The magazine release has been shortened and rounded for more reliable operation, especially with off-body carry options such as in a purse or day planner.

Carry cuts at the front of the short slide make reholstering easier and allow for greater manipulation of the slide without the need for front slide serrations. The short trigger design is specifically intended for use by those with smaller hands. The countersunk slide stop ensures that the pistol stays in action with no unintentional pressure pushing the slide stop out.

A compact and reliable 1911 is admirable, but making it lightweight for concealed-carry comfort is even better. This was the thinking behind the Ultralight Carry Sentinels, to make the smallest and lightest combat 1911 possible chambered in the proven 9mm cartridge with 8+1 capacity. This pistol features a super-short, aluminum, round-butt frame and an aluminum mainspring housing. The heavy machine chamfering on the bottom of the slide increases user comfort, especially with a high thumb grip. The slide stop has been shortened and countersunk with a chamfered frame hole for ease of disassembly while protecting the gun from unintentional slide stop. The top of the slide has been serrated with a 30-lines-per-inch (LPI) pattern and the rear of the slide has 40-LPI serrations. Together, these effectively cut glare in bright light and aid in faster target acquisition.

The Wilson Combat Compact line adds a bit in length, with a 4-inch, stainless steel, match-grade barrel, but a lot in features for concealed-carry handguns. The Compact line's most distinct feature is the bi-directional X-TAC checkering on the slide and front-strap, as well as on the mainspring housing. This design, combined with the G10 star-



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burst grips, offers improved grip and durability, especially in inclement conditions, while protecting the shooter's hand from the overly sharp checkering found on some other pistols. The Wilson Battlesights are standard and include a wide U-shaped notch at the rear and a fiber-optic front sight for fast target acquisition. The X-TAC also features a rounded butt frame for less printing and more comfort against the body, as well as a contoured magazine well for faster reloads. It is available in .45 ACP with a 7+1 capacity or 9mm with an 8+1 capacity.

For many gun owners there is a great deal of advantage in having a pistol that can serve double duty as both an ideal concealed-carry gun and a home defense handgun. The Wilson Combat CQB Lightweight

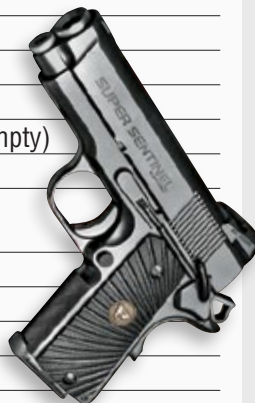
Light Rail Compact is one pistol that does both extremely well. Using an aluminum frame, the gun stays lightweight for comfortable all-day carry. The frame also includes an integrated accessory rail at the dustcover for the use of lights and lasers, making it handy for low-light conditions and home defense. The pistol is available in .45 ACP with a seven-round magazine or 9mm/.38 Super with an eight-round mag, and includes the same standard features as other Wilson Combat guns such as a rounded butt, contoured mag well, beavertail grip safety, G10 grips and fiber-optic front sight.

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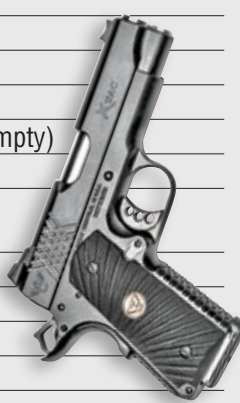
WILSON COMBAT SUPER SENTINEL

Caliber: .38 Super
Barrel: 3.6 inches
OA Length: 7.2 inches
Weight: 25.2 ounces (empty)
Grips: G10 Starburst
Sights: Battlesight rear, fiber-optic front
Action: SA
Finish: Armor-Tuff
Capacity: 8+1
MSRP: N/A



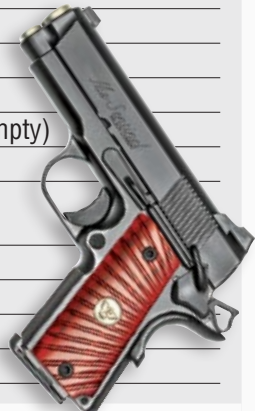
WILSON COMBAT X-TAC COMPACT

Caliber: 9mm/.45 ACP
Barrel: 4 inches
OA Length: 7.6 inches
Weight: 33.8 ounces (empty)
Grips: G10 Starburst
Sights: Battlesight rear, fiber-optic front
Action: SA
Finish: Armor-Tuff
Capacity: 8+1/7+1
MSRP: N/A



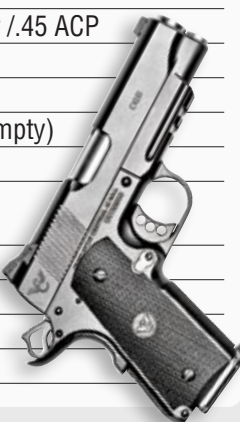
WILSON COMBAT MS. SENTINEL

Caliber: 9mm
Barrel: 3.6 inches
OA Length: 7.3 inches
Weight: 26.8 ounces (empty)
Grips: Cocobolo
Sights: Battlesight rear, fiber-optic front
Action: SA
Finish: Armor-Tuff
Capacity: 8+1
MSRP: N/A



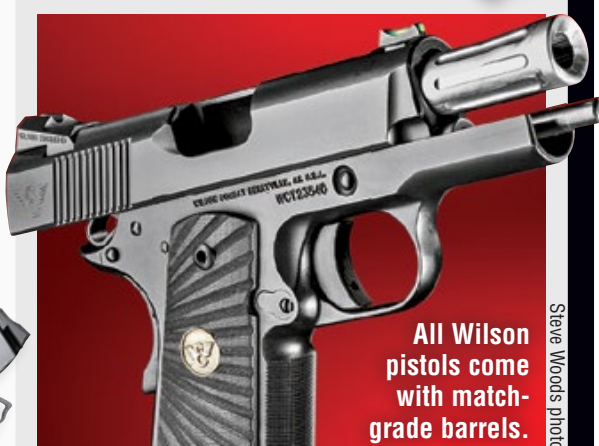
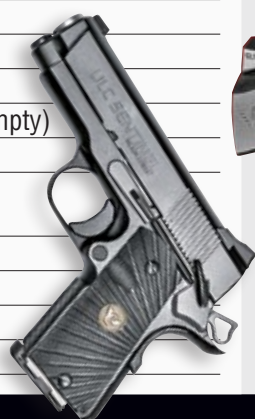
WILSON COMBAT CQB LIGHTWEIGHT LIGHT RAIL COMPACT

Caliber: 9mm/.38 Super/.45 ACP
Barrel: 4 inches
OA Length: 7.6 inches
Weight: 27.3 ounces (empty)
Grips: G10
Sights: Battlesight rear, fiber-optic front
Action: SA
Finish: Armor-Tuff
Capacity: 8+1/7+1
MSRP: N/A



WILSON COMBAT ULTRALIGHT CARRY SENTINEL

Caliber: 9mm
Barrel: 3.6 inches
OA Length: 7.2 inches
Weight: 25.2 ounces (empty)
Grips: G10
Sights: Battlesight rear, fiber-optic front
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BY D.K. PRIDGEN



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Bond Arms of Granbury, Texas, is a well-known and respected manufacturer of modern derringers. With the Remington 95 derringer as a starting point, Bond Arms updated the basic design using modern materials and machining.

Barrels and frames for the company's stable use nothing but high-quality stainless steel. Bond Arms also added modern safety features—rebounding hammers, rebounding firing pins, push-button cross-bolt safeties and a locking mechanism for the barrel-opening lever during fire.

Bond Arms' derringer models provide offerings with or without triggerguards, in a number of barrel lengths (2.5 to 4.25

inches) and in more chamberings than most of us could imagine. Grips can be polymer, buffalo horn, rubber or a number of attractive wood models.

I recently had an opportunity to try out one of the newer Bond offerings, the Backup, for myself. The sights on the compact handgun consist of a fixed-blade front sight and a rear notch in the barrel's integral hinge wing. Bond Arms' slightly tacky, bird's-head design rubber grips, which provide a two-finger hold, rode the frame.

My Backup had two barrel pairs chambered in .45 ACP and 9mm, and lacked the shell ejectors used with rimmed cartridges. The notched chamber opening is a square cut into the barrel's left side that encompasses about 0.31 inches of both chambers. Fingernails are able to slip through the notch and pry the empty cases out.

It was immediately obvious the Backup differed some from other Bond Arms pistols. Gone is the highly polished stainless steel barrel and frame, which have been replaced by a bead-blasted, matte-finished, 2.5-inch, stainless barrel and a black crinkle-powder-coated frame (2.5-inch .40 barrels are also available). Both changes were made to enhance the Backup's concealability. The hammer, trigger, triggerguard, cross-bolt safety and lock lever were all bead blasted, which, along with the barrel, make for an attractive contrast to the black crinkle-powder-coated frame. A polished rectangle on the frame contains the serial number.

Range Report

Shooting almost any handgun or rifle is fun to me. Because of prior experience with Bond Arms' wares, I had an idea of what to



Bond Arms' new, highly concealable Backup offers a reliable one-two punch in 9mm or .45 ACP for close-quarters protection.

expect with this diminutive pistol spitting 9mm and .45 ACP bullets. I couldn't see the benefit of .45 ACP +P in the Backup, adding recoil for what I felt would be little benefit. Also it seems Bond Arms discourages .45 ACP +P ammunition.

With that in mind, I took nothing but standard-pressure loads with me to wring out the Bond Arms Backup. These two loads used lighter bullets to reduce recoil in the 19-ounce pistol. I tossed in a third load of 230-grain jacketed hollow points (JHP) because I wanted to see if the recoil increased. After all, in a situation where you have to shoot to stop a determined attacker right on top of you, less muzzle flip equates to a faster second shot.

The 9mm loads were kept to standard-pressure configurations for the same reasons, although Bond Arms approves

its 9mm barrels for +P ammo. Recoil was slightly less than the .45 ACP, allowing for a quicker recovery.

Accuracy was more than adequate, with five-shot averages falling into groups between 2.63 and 3.99 inches for both calibers. I used only the upper barrel in the accuracy and velocity testing, to reduce variables.

Targets were set at varying distances out to 7 yards, and the Backup (in either caliber) and I were capable of keeping all shots in the IDPA target's center. That's not bad while bobbing around and shooting two rounds and reloading from a Tuff Strip! Empty cases slipped from the chambers with scarcely more than a fingernail touch, but reloads took quite a bit of time. Recoil was no surprise.

I spent some time carrying the Backup in several different places, paying attention

SPECIFICATIONS

BOND ARMS BACKUP

Caliber:	9mm, .45 ACP
Barrel:	2.5 inches
OA Length:	4.5 inches
Weight:	19 ounces
Grip:	Black synthetic
Sights:	Front blade, rear notch
Action:	SA
Finish:	Black frame, stainless barrel
Capacity:	2
MSRP:	\$410



PERFORMANCE

BOND ARMS BACKUP .45 ACP

Load	Velocity	Accuracy
Federal Guard Dog 165 FMJ	892	2.52
Remington 185 HPJ	772	2.99
Winchester PDX1 230 JHP	787	3.78

BOND ARMS BACKUP 9MM

Load	Velocity	Accuracy
CorBon 95 DPX	950	2.32
Hornady 115 TAP XTP	867	3.00
Speer 124 Gold Dot HP	858	3.23

Bullet weight measured in grains, velocity in fps by chronograph and accuracy in inches for best five-shot groups at 7 yards.

to its ease of draw and how easily it concealed. I was pleased with the results, just as I was drawing from the excellent, well-thought-out holsters Bond Arms supplied.

Reducing the barrel length and changing the Backup's exterior were excellent decisions. The less-reflective finish is a nice touch and really dresses up the pistol. Bobbing the barrels lets the Backup fit into more shallow pockets.

Does the Backup qualify as a backup pistol? It's reliable, chambered for .45 ACP or 9mm, accurate (for its class) and surprisingly easy into action. It's also small enough to fit just about anywhere, and a good assortment of leather is available to holster it. So, yes, I believe the Backup qualifies as a backup pistol quite well! For more information, visit bondarms.com or call 817-573-4445.

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Back-pocket carry offers many advantages, including convenience, all-day comfort and quick access.

exclusively, and actually had special leather holsters built into the front pockets of his trousers to support this tactic.

While pocket carry remains an extremely popular and viable option, fashion has changed considerably since the days of J.H. FitzGerald. The heavy, loose-fitting trousers that were the fashion standard back then have given way to tighter-fitting styles made from lighter materials. Many pants styles today offer neither the support nor the concealment of classic old-school trousers.

One way of working around this is to change your wardrobe to focus on pants styles that offer larger pockets and a looser fit—like Dockers, cargo pants and modern “tactical” pants. Unfortunately, guns carried in cargo pockets move a lot and have a tendency to bump into things when you walk. They also ride lower and are somewhat harder to draw from than hip-level pockets. While many brands of tactical pants feature pockets specifically designed to facilitate pocket carry, they are sometimes less discreet than normal pants and can be as much of a tell as “shoot me first” photographer’s vests.

Even if the front pockets of your pants are up to the task of accommodating the carry of a pistol, tucking a gun there has a few serious disadvantages. First and foremost, front-pocket carry makes for a very slow draw—particularly if you have large hands, a substantial pistol or both. The act of getting your whole mitt in the pocket, achieving a firing grip and then pulling the combined unit out can be a serious challenge. While flattening your grip and putting your thumb over the top of the pistol can help, the process is still a slow one.

If drawing from a front pocket is tough, integrating that draw with any type of tactical movement is even tougher. When you move, your hip flexes and the path of your draw stroke now goes directly into your pelvis and your hand and gun are trapped in your pocket.

Legendary Lessons

One of the most unique guns in my collection is a classic .25 ACP Seecamp that was one of several “back pocket” guns of the legendary Col. Rex Applegate. Long before the current concealed-carry movement, “The Colonel” had forgotten more about the nuances of packing well-hidden handguns than most of us will ever know. One of his favorite methods of ensuring that he was always armed was to simply drop a .32- or .25-caliber Seecamp in his back pocket. Carrying there was comfortable, kept the gun easily accessible and turned a natural reach for one’s wallet into a wonderfully crafty draw stroke.

BACK POCKET CARRY

Access your gun in any situation!

Michael C. Rigg/Stay Safe Media Photo

BY MICHAEL JANICH

Pocket carry, specifically pants pocket carry, offers many significant advantages over carrying a pistol in a conventional belt or inside-the-waistband (IWB) holster.

These include convenience, simplicity, universality and excellent concealment without the need for a cover garment or even an untucked shirt. Because of these advantages, it should come as no surprise that some of the greatest gun experts in history were staunch advocates of pocket carry. J.H. FitzGerald, author of the classic book *Shooting*, carried that way almost

Recently, I pulled the Colonel's See-camp out of the safe to shoot a few rounds in his memory. The hairline cracks in the grip panels—clear evidence of years of back-pocket carry—inspired me to give his preferred carry method a try. Having carried a folding knife in my right back pocket since high school, the presence of a weapon there was nothing new. After a few practice draws I was hooked and my back-pocket knife has now been replaced with a Kahr CW380 in a DeSantis pocket holster.

Versatile Draws

Back-pocket carry offers many advantages—especially when the pocket pistol is carried in “patch-style” pockets like those found on jeans. With a suitable pocket holster, this method of carry is extremely comfortable and very compatible with a broad range of clothing styles. When set up for a dominant-hand draw, it also displaces a man's wallet and creates an ideal ruse to go for your gun. Remember, however, that you must always maintain positive control over the gun no matter where you carry.

Drawing from this position is easier and smoother than a front-pocket draw because the body part under the pocket is convex. This makes static draws a snap and makes



A DeSantis pocket holster keeps this Kahr CW380 well oriented for a positive draw. Keep your finger off the trigger until you need to fire.

the gun readily accessible when moving, kneeling or crouching behind cover.

Back-pocket carry is also advantageous during contact-distance encounters and fights that go to the ground. Getting your gun into the fight during these dynamic struggles typically requires achieving some degree of control with your non-dominant hand while executing a one-handed draw with the other. Back-pocket carry supports this almost as well as conventional belt

holsters, and in some cases even better.

The secret to a smooth, reliable back-pocket draw is having a solid platform for the gun. A pocket made of strong fabric, in good condition and supported by a sturdy belt works best.

A high-quality pocket holster is also a must because it protects the gun and trigger, reduces printing and keeps the gun in a consistent orientation within the pocket. The latter function is particularly important because it enables you to achieve a solid grip as soon as your hand enters the pocket and eliminates fumbling.

Many pocket holsters are designed with integral “hooks” that snag the pocket corner during the draw to allow the gun to clear the holster. This works well in front pockets but is not as reliable with the wide mouths of back pockets. To compensate, you should train to either change the angle of your draw to purposely snag the pocket mouth or clear the holster by pushing it away with the middle finger of the gun hand after the draw.

Just like guns, all pockets are not created equal. The back pocket can be an excellent home for a pistol and is a worthy alternative to typical front-pocket carry methods. Try out these tactics and see what works best for you.

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North American Arms is known for producing reliable .22 Magnum mini revolvers like the Sidewinder (top) and Black Widow (bottom).

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DEFENDERS

Rugged mini revolvers and subcompact steel from North American Arms.



BY JORGE AMSELLE

Among the earliest pocket pistols were revolvers, and many of these early revolvers were rimfires. Small, short-barreled revolvers are still popular for personal protection and concealed carry, but if you want something that is truly small and concealable, check out the mini revolvers from North American Arms.

Black Widow

The NAA Black Widow .22 Magnum is designed for serious use and not as a novelty. It features single-action (SA) firing and a five-shot heavy bull cylinder with no flutes. In between the chambers there are notches cut to hold the hammer in place. This allows the revolver to be carrier loaded with the hammer down safely so that it will not fire if dropped. The spur trigger is semi shrouded until the hammer is cocked and there is no triggerguard.

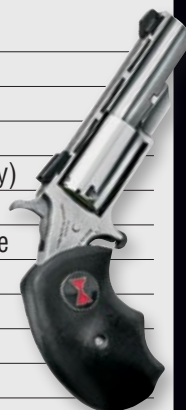
On top, the user has a choice between Millet fixed or adjustable sights that are very visible and easy to use. The gun also features a 2-inch heavy vent barrel and an oversized, rubberized black grip with a distinctive red and black, hourglass-shaped black widow spider logo. The grip is still very small but significantly larger than those found on the company's other revolvers, all of which also feature stainless steel construction, which makes them extremely durable and corrosion resistant.



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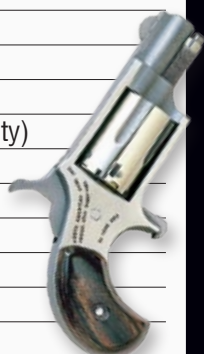
NAA BLACK WIDOW .22 MAG

Caliber:	.22 Magnum
Barrel:	2 inches
OA Length:	5.87 inches
Weight:	8.8 ounces (empty)
Grips:	Rubber
Sights:	Fixed or adjustable
Action:	SA
Finish:	Stainless
Capacity:	5
MSRP:	\$281



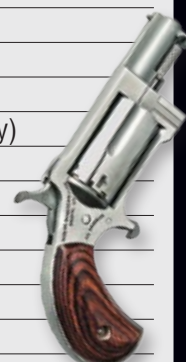
NAA .22 LR

Caliber:	.22 LR/.22 Short
Barrel:	1.12 inches
OA Length:	4 inches
Weight:	4.5 ounces (empty)
Grips:	Wood
Sights:	Fixed
Action:	SA
Finish:	Stainless
Capacity:	5
MSRP:	\$216



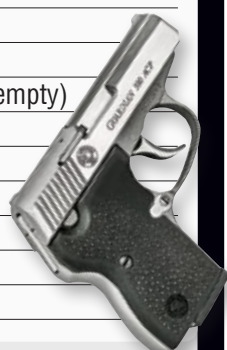
NAA SIDEWINDER

Caliber:	.22 Magnum
Barrel:	1 inch
OA Length:	5 inches
Weight:	6.7 ounces (empty)
Grips:	Wood
Sights:	Fixed
Action:	SA
Finish:	Stainless
Capacity:	5
MSRP:	\$356



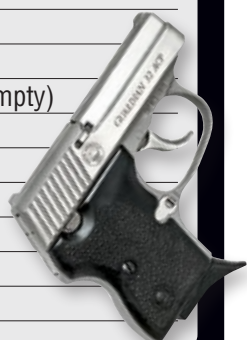
NAA-380 GUARDIAN

Caliber:	.380 ACP
Barrel:	2.49 inches
OA Length:	4.75 inches
Weight:	18.72 ounces (empty)
Grips:	Rubber
Sights:	Fixed
Action:	DAO
Finish:	Stainless
Capacity:	6+1
MSRP:	\$456



NAA-32 GUARDIAN

Caliber:	.32 ACP
Barrel:	2.49 inches
OA Length:	4.75 inches
Weight:	13.5 ounces (empty)
Grips:	Rubber
Sights:	Fixed
Action:	DAO
Finish:	Stainless
Capacity:	6+1
MSRP:	\$409



Out of such a short barrel, the .22 Magnum does lose a lot of its punch. Still, the performance, depending on the ammunition, is over 1,000 feet per second (fps) or more. This places the diminutive pistol in the same league as a much larger 4- or 5-inch gun chambered in the smaller .22 LR.

It is also important to note that while the .22 Magnum may share the same diameter as .22 LR and .22 Short, these cartridges are not interchangeable. Do not try and load .22 LR or .22 Short into a .22 Magnum chamber; the dimensions are not the same. North American Arms sells extra cylinders chambered in .22 LR and .22 Short for anyone who wants the extra versatility or for practice or training use.

To load the revolver, the cylinder must be removed by pushing the cylinder pin out of the front. Cartridges are loaded individually and the cylinder is then placed back into the gun. To unload, the cylinder is again removed, allowing the cylinder pin to be used to push the spent brass out one at a time. Clearly this is not a system that lends itself to fast reloads, but the gun finds its niche as a deep-cover backup gun.

The company warns against dry firing as this can damage the firing mechanism. Instead, owners should use a spent or dummy case if they want to practice dry firing. For hiking or camping in the backwoods, the revolver can also be loaded with bird-shot loads to ward off snakes.

Mini Backups

The NAA .22 LR is the gun that started it all, and it is the most popular mini-revolver there is. You can shoot both .22 LR and .22 Short cartridges through it, and over the years, a plethora of accessories have been developed for it, including laser sights and different holsters and grips. The company does warn against firing the gun with mother of pearl grips, as these may crack under recoil. One extremely cool holster is the belt buckle holster that makes the gun look like it is just a fancy Western-style buck knife and not actually a gun—but with a quick flick of a switch, the gun can be drawn. Another holster option is actually a larger folding grip that includes a belt or pocket clip for convenient everyday carry.

For anyone who prefers a more traditional-style revolver, the North American Arms Sidewinder features a swing-out cylinder. It does swing out to the right instead of to the left, but it includes an extractor that makes loading and reloading much easier and faster. The cylinder release is actually part of the cylinder rod/ejector rod, instead of a sepa-



LaserLyte's Venom laser replaces the Black Widow's cylinder pin for easy installation.

rate latch. This feature adds a bit in terms of length and weight, and it is only available with the .22 Magnum cylinder, although replacement cylinders allow for the use of .22 LR and .22 Short ammunition as well. Otherwise, this pistol is identical in use and operation to the other NAA revolvers.

Pocket Guardians

North American Arms certainly doesn't limit itself to innovative mini revolvers. The company also produces some extremely compact and distinct semi-automatic pocket pistols. The .380 ACP Guardian is the largest of these, at least in terms of caliber, and offers 6+1 capacity with hammer-fired, double-action-only (DAO) operation and all stainless steel construction. The grips are rubberized and pebbled for a secure hold, and the gun features extremely clean lines with the only controls being the trigger and magazine release. The button above the grip on the right side is called a slide release, but its function is to release the slide for disassembly. NAA also makes this pistol available in its own .32 NAA cartridges, which is a necked-down .380 ACP case, which offers superior feeding and velocity.

The .32 ACP Guardian was the first semi-auto pistol produced by NAA, which began production of the design in 1997. While this chambering is less powerful than the .380 ACP, it does offer less recoil for such a lightweight and compact pistol, allowing the shooter to produce faster follow-up shots on target. It is identical in its operation and stainless steel construction to the .380 ACP Guardian, but is over 5 ounces lighter. One of the most impressive features of this pistol is that it is also available in a unique .25 NAA cartridge designed by NAA and CorBon. This is a .32 ACP case necked-down to .25 caliber. The cartridge produces impressive velocity, making it actually more powerful than the larger .32 ACP. For more information, visit northamericanarms.com or call 800-821-5783.

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The .38 Undercover series features 2-inch barrels and a ramp front sight that avoids snags. A groove is milled into the top of the frame and serves as the rear sight. Under the barrel, the ejector rod is snag free by being enclosed in a shroud that smoothly blends the muzzle of the gun so it is easy to re-holster. To load the revolver, push forward on the cylinder latch and push out the cylinder from the frame. The cylinder latch is grooved so your thumb can grip it as you push. Tilt the muzzle down and drop five .38 Special or +P rounds into the chambers. Then swing the cylinder back into the frame until it snaps into place.

The checkered black rubber grip is small yet fills that space behind the triggerguard where a finger might feel the effect of recoil with hot loads. There are two finger grooves

in the front of the grip that afford a good grasp. Most shooters will naturally find themselves curling their small finger under the butt. For its cost, it is a well-made firearm that provides a fist full of firepower without leaving empties rolling on the floor.

The Undercover line is also available in standard exposed hammer double-action/single-action (DA/SA) models, "On Duty" variations with covered hammers that can still be thumb cocked, double-action-only (DAO) models as well as "Off Duty" variations with completely concealed hammers. A great example of the latter is the Off Duty Black/Hi-Polish SS, which features a combination matte-black/polished stainless finish that is extremely attractive. Its concealed hammer and lightweight aluminum frame make it eminently "carryable" and a great choice for CCW use.

Powerful Options

The caliber ante is upped with the Mag Pug SS, which is chambered in .357 Magnum. At 23 ounces, the Mag Pug is lightweight yet carries a magnum punch. With a 2.2-inch barrel, the Mag Pug is a hair larger than its .38 Special brother. The grips

on the Mag Pug are full size so users can grip and handle the recoil of the .357 Magnum. This is a revolver that is at its best when used with mild .38 Special loads for training, rather than full-bore rounds; the recoil can be severe since the gun is light and the rounds are powerful.

Next up in caliber size is the iconic Bulldog in .44 Special. At 21 ounces, it weighs less than a 20-round box of .44 Special cartridges. The .44 Special was extremely popular a century ago when it was chambered in full-size revolvers. It is known as a mild-recoiling, accurate, big-bore caliber quite suitable for defense work. Charter Arms was able to fit five rounds into their revolver design and ended up producing a big-bore pocket pistol for backup or defense work.

It sports a 2.5-inch barrel and full-size grip. Recoil is what you would expect from a big-bore, lightweight revolver, but it is not so brutish that you can't get through short training exercises. These are guns you'll carry a lot and shoot a little.

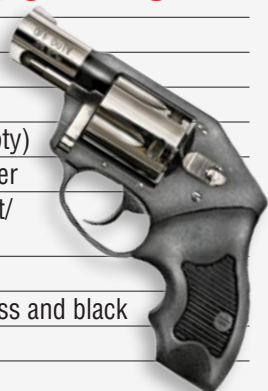
The Undercover Lite DAO is a miniscule revolver built with an aluminum frame that



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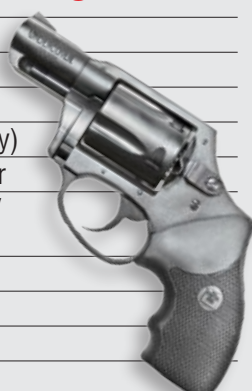
CHARTER ARMS .38 UNDERCOVER OFF DUTY

Caliber:	.38 Special +P
Barrel:	2 inches
OA Length:	6.4 inches
Weight:	12 ounces (empty)
Grip:	Checkered rubber
Sights:	Fixed ramp front/ groove rear
Action:	DAO
Finish:	Polished stainless and black
Capacity:	5
MSRP:	\$432



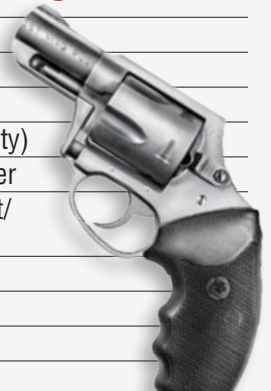
CHARTER ARMS .38 UNDERCOVER DAO

Caliber:	.38 Special +P
Barrel:	2 inches
OA Length:	6.4 inches
Weight:	16 ounces (empty)
Grip:	Checkered rubber
Sights:	Fixed ramp front/ groove rear
Action:	DAO
Finish:	Blued
Capacity:	5
MSRP:	\$326



CHARTER ARMS MAG PUG SS DAO

Caliber:	.357 Magnum
Barrel:	2.2 inches
OA Length:	6.9 inches
Weight:	23 ounces (empty)
Grip:	Checkered rubber
Sights:	Fixed ramp front/ groove rear
Action:	DAO
Finish:	Stainless
Capacity:	5
MSRP:	\$404



SNUBBIES

BY ROBERT A. SADOWSKI

The concealed-hammer Off Duty model holds five .38 Special rounds and presents a lightweight, fast-shooting option.

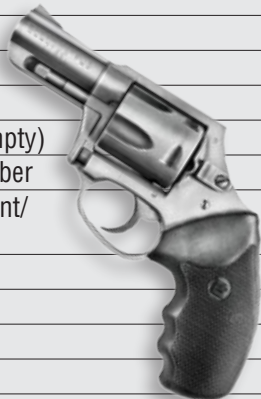
Steve Woods photo

weighs 12 ounces. It has a short 2-inch barrel to reduce bulk and a small rubber grip that allows a two-finger grasp.

The latest Charter Arms revolver is the Pit Bull chambered in the rimless .45 ACP round, making it a great companion piece for a .45 ACP semi-automatic pistol. As with all of Charter Arms' compact revolvers, it's affordable, safe and reliable. No need to snub small revolvers as old-school. These snub-noses make it easy and convenient to conceal carry. For more information, call 203-922-1652 or visit charterfirearms.com. **PP**

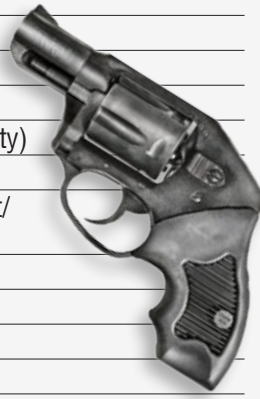
CHARTER ARMS BULLDOG SS DAO

Caliber: .44 Special
Barrel: 2.5 inches
OA Length: 7.4 inches
Weight: 21 ounces (empty)
Grip: Checkered rubber
Sights: Fixed ramp front/groove rear
Action: DAO
Finish: Stainless
Capacity: 5
MSRP: \$422



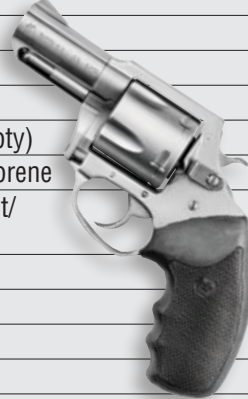
CHARTER UNDERCOVER LITE, BLACK DAO

Caliber: .38 Special +P
Barrel: 2 inches
OA Length: 6.4 inches
Weight: 12 ounces (empty)
Grip: Grooved rubber
Sights: Fixed ramp front/groove rear
Action: DAO
Finish: Black
Capacity: 5
MSRP: \$428



CHARTER ARMS PIT BULL .45

Caliber: .45 ACP
Barrel: 2.2 inches
OA Length: 6.75 inches
Weight: 22 ounces (empty)
Grip: Checkered Neoprene
Sights: Fixed ramp front/groove rear
Action: DA/SA
Finish: Matte stainless
Capacity: 5
MSRP: \$489



The compact SCCY CPX-2 in 9mm was born for deep-cover carry, and installing the ArmaLaser TR10 makes it easier to quickly identify threats and get on target in fast-moving, life-threatening situations.



ULTIMATE COMPACT DEFENDER

BY DAVE NORMAN **The 9mm SCCY CPX-2 and ArmaLaser's TR10 team up for**

While the affordable price point at first made me skeptical of the SCCY, two magazines at 22 yards showed me that it's one of the best values in personal defense.

Adding an ArmaLaser unit suddenly made it irresistible. I shot until I ran out of ammunition. Then I played with the laser until after dark. It was a great day.

SCCY has done a tremendous job getting its pistols on dealer tables at gun

shows and in stores, as I see them just about everywhere. The polymer-framed, steel slide defensive guns are reasonably compact and light, with 10+1 capacity and very nice three-dot sights (the rear is drift adjustable but came perfectly aligned). Intended for concealed carry and perfectly fine for stashing any safe place you stash a home-defense handgun, they compete at a price point (\$339 MSRP) that makes them accessible to just about any budget.

At the range they compete favorably against any similarly priced defensive

handguns, and I'm chagrined to admit that our test unit performed as well as some of my much more expensive defensive handguns. Perhaps that's the other part of the reason that they're everywhere: They work.

Modern Double Action

SCCY's basic models are the CPX-1 (with a frame-mounted manual safety) and the CPX-2 (without such safety), the latter of which I took to the range several times for extended testing. With its double-action-only (DAO) trigger, you



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have a consistent (if long) trigger pull from shot to shot. Police departments have traditionally favored DA pistols for their perceived safety against accidental discharges, and for the way each shot has an identical trigger pull (rather than a long first pull and short subsequent pulls with DA/SA designs). And with just a little practice, this DAO trigger pull is easily mastered.

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each shot. While the trigger pull is long and heavy, it's not unduly so.

Where the CPX-2 really shined was in accuracy—for a DAO defensive pistol with only a 3.1-inch barrel, it returned impressive results on 6-inch-diameter steel plates and modern silhouette targets alike. The three-dot sights provided easily acquired, precise service, and the tight lockup helped us hit 6-inch plates consistently at 22 yards.

Laser Upgrade

While the CPX-2 provided fine accuracy, ergonomics and defensive utility out of the box, it really shined with the addition of an ArmaLaser TR10 laser unit. This laser is designed to clamp over the triggerguard to allow it to work with the CPX-2 despite its lack of accessory rail. The result is a snug-fitting, intuitively pointing laser that requires a special holster to accommodate



The red dot telegraphs where the bullet is going to strike, freeing the shooter from having to raise the gun to his or her eyes in a more classic (and often impractical) stance.

its installation and only a few minutes of training and practice to gain familiarity with its operation.

The TR10 uses a refreshingly simple means of activation, which consists of a cleverly engineered master override switch and a simple on/off switch that uses the natural conductivity of skin to complete a circuit. The override switch,

SPECIFICATIONS

SCCY CPX-2

Caliber:	9mm
Barrel:	3.1 inches
OA Length:	5.7 inches
Weight:	15 ounces (empty)
Grips:	Zytel polymer
Sights:	Fixed, three dot
Action:	DAO
Finish:	Matte black
Capacity:	10+1
MSRP:	\$339



ARMALASER TRIO

Frame:	DuPont Zytel
Battery:	CR1/3N (or 357 watch cells)
Run Time:	5 hours
Standby Time:	2 years
Laser Type:	5mW, 635nm
Laser Color:	Red
Activation:	Skin contact
Fits:	CPX-1, CPX-2
Warranty:	5 years
MSRP:	\$139



PERFORMANCE

SCCY CPX-2 WITH ARMALASER TRIO

Load	Accuracy
Berry's 115 FMJ	1.15
CCI Blazer 115 FMJ	2.08
Federal American Eagle 115 FMJ	3.21
Herter's 115 FMJ	1.96
Winchester PDX-1 147 JHP	2.21

Bullet weight measured in grains, and accuracy in inches for best five-shot groups at 10 yards.

mounted on the laser's underside, slides forward to activate—exactly the direction it would slide if its recessed slider snags on your holster or clothes as you draw. To turn the laser on, you merely grip the CPX-2 and touch the underside of the clamshell laser housing. Your finger completes the circuit and the laser projects a daylight-visible dot onto your attacker. There's nothing else to worry about—no buttons, no switches, no hassles. It's a breakthrough in intuitive operation.

The benefits of adding a laser to your defensive pistol are huge, but all center around this core concept: In a struggle for your life, you probably won't be able to acquire proper sight picture and sight alignment. Rather, you may well be on your back, struggling with your other hand or otherwise occupied with matters more

pressing than precision marksmanship. That's where the bright red dot comes in—grip the pistol, point it at your attacker and move it so the dot dances right where you want the round to impact.

Range Work

I sighted in the laser on a dimly lit indoor range, then took it outside in the middle of a bright day for accuracy testing. Using only the laser—not the sights—my groups opened up slightly, but I was able to score hits from the hip, with the CPX-2 in a high-retention hold and with the gun at certain obtuse angles.

While the dot is harder to pick up in the daylight than indoors or at night, I was still able to put it on plates at 10 yards, making quick work of them without using the metallic sights. My middle finger took a beating from the recoil of personal defense rounds, as the laser adds slight bulk under the triggerguard, but the laser's tactical utility far outweighed the inconvenience of bumping the middle finger under recoil and requiring a new holster.

Back indoors, I cleared a few rooms with the laser and appreciated the fact that it helped me focus on downrange concerns—like differentiating between combatants and noncombatants—rather than on the sights. While form is still important, the TR10 laser helps you score hits when proper form is impossible, like in the defense of your life. That's also where the SCCY CPX-2 might really shine for you.

Budget Combo

The CPX-2 digested all of the defensive and practice ammunition we gave it, returning results that included some very surprising accuracy. Coupled with the TR10 laser, which increases hit probability in low-light and high-stress conditions, this pistol and laser combination could be a very effective tool for ensuring your personal security, and their combined cost is still far less than you might be expecting to pay for a pistol alone.

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| ☐ Very likely | ☐ Somewhat unlikely |
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| ☐ Save the entire issue | ☐ Discard/Recycle (Skip to Q13) |
| ☐ Save articles of interest | ☐ Pass it allong to others (Skip to Q13) |
| ☐ Place it in a public area | |

12. How many times in the past year have you referred to back issues or articles saved of **POCKET PISTOLS**?

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| ☐ Less than 2 times | ☐ 6 – 10 times |
| ☐ 2 – 5 times | ☐ 11 times or more |

13. What other magazines have you read at least three out of the last four issues?

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| ☐ <i>Gun World</i> | ☐ <i>Soldier of Fortune</i> |
| ☐ <i>American Rifleman</i> | ☐ <i>Guns & Ammo</i> |
| ☐ <i>SWAT</i> | ☐ <i>Shooting Times</i> |
| ☐ <i>GUNS</i> | ☐ <i>American Handgunner</i> |
| ☐ <i>RECOIL</i> | ☐ <i>Combat Handguns</i> |
| ☐ <i>Guns & Weapons For Law Enforcement</i> | |

14. How do you rate yourself as a shooter?

- ☐ Experienced ☐ Active ☐ Novice

15. How many handguns do you own?

- | | |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| ☐ None | ☐ 5 – 9 |
| ☐ 1 | ☐ 10 – 19 |
| ☐ 2 | ☐ 20 – 49 |
| ☐ 3 – 4 | ☐ 50 or more |

16. Have you had any custom work performed on any handguns you currently own?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No

17. Do you plan on customizing any of your handguns?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No

18. Which manufacturer and caliber of handguns do you currently own or plan to purchase.

Manufacturer	Caliber	Currently own	Plan to buy	Autopistol	Revolver
_____	_____	☐	☐	☐	☐
_____	_____	☐	☐	☐	☐
_____	_____	☐	☐	☐	☐
_____	_____	☐	☐	☐	☐
_____	_____	☐	☐	☐	☐

19. Which of the following unexpired gun permits do you possess?

☐ Carry ☐ Hunting ☐ Other ☐ None

20. How many current concealed carry permits do you have?

☐ 1 ☐ 4
☐ 2 ☐ 5 or more
☐ 3 ☐ None, no not carry concealed

21. What purposes do you use your firearm? Check all that apply.

☐ Home security ☐ Competition
☐ Range ☐ On the job
☐ Personal security ☐ Other
☐ Hunting

22. Do you belong to, or intend to join any of the following clubs/associations?

	Current member	Intend to join	Former member
NSSF	☐	☐	☐
NRA	☐	☐	☐

23. How often do you participate in the following shooting sports/hobbies per year:

	1-4 times	5-9 times	10-19 times	20+ times	Never
Big Game hunting	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Fowl hunting	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Target/Trap/Skeet	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
New Shooter/Hunter	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Competitive Shooter	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Plinker	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Cowboy Action Participant	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

24. With whom do you generally shoot with?

☐ Children (under 18 years old) ☐ Coworkers
☐ Children (over 18 years old) ☐ Fellow Club Members
☐ Other Family Members ☐ Clients (as a guide/outfitter)
☐ Friends ☐ Nobody (participate alone)

25. Do you currently own, or plan to purchase (within the next 12 months) any of the following?

	Currently own	Plan to buy
Knife (non-kitchen cutlery)	☐	☐
Conceal carry holster	☐	☐
Leather holster	☐	☐
Shotgun	☐	☐
Polymer holster	☐	☐
Nylon holster	☐	☐
Gun safe	☐	☐
Gun safety device	☐	☐
Dot Sight	☐	☐
Personal Protection	☐	☐
Laser equipment	☐	☐
Non-lethal equipment	☐	☐
Custom made holster	☐	☐
Reloading equipment	☐	☐
Custom made knife	☐	☐
Chronograph	☐	☐
Night vision equipment	☐	☐
Flashlight	☐	☐

26. How many followers/friends do you have on:

	1-50	51-100	101-249	250+	None
Facebook	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Twitter	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Instagram	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
LinkedIn	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

27. How do you commonly access the Internet?

☐ iPhone ☐ Tablet
☐ Android ☐ Desktop computer
☐ Blackberry ☐ Laptop computer
☐ iPad ☐ Do not access the internet (Skip to Q31)

28. Do you research potential shooting product purchases on the Internet?

☐ Yes ☐ No

29. Have you ever purchased shooting equipment products over the Internet?

☐ Yes ☐ No

30. Do you read/follow online blogs that are about shooting/guns?

☐ Yes ☐ No

31. What is your gender?

☐ Male ☐ Female

32. Please select your age.

☐ Under 18 ☐ 35-39 ☐ 60-64
☐ 18-21 ☐ 40-44 ☐ 65-or above
☐ 22-24 ☐ 45-49 ☐ Prefer not to answer
☐ 25-29 ☐ 50-54
☐ 30-34 ☐ 55-59

33. What is the highest level of education you have attained to date?

☐ High school or less
☐ Attended college
☐ Graduated from college
☐ Postgraduate study without degree
☐ Masters degree
☐ Doctoral degree
☐ Other professional degree (M.D., J.D., etc.)
☐ Prefer not to answer

34. Which of the following best describes your current employment situation:

☐ Employed Full-Time
☐ Employed Part-Time
☐ Self-employed
☐ Not employed, but looking for work
☐ Not employed and not looking for work
☐ Homemaker
☐ Retired
☐ Student
☐ Prefer Not to Answer

35. Are you now, or have you been employed in any of the following lines of work?

☐ Military
☐ Law enforcement (SWAT, Patrol or Security)
☐ Security
☐ Private guard
☐ Executive Protection
☐ Private investigator
☐ Coast Guard/National Guard
☐ None of the above

36. What was your total household income before taxes last year?

☐ Under \$20,000
☐ \$20,000 – \$39,999
☐ \$40,000 – \$59,999
☐ \$60,000 – \$79,999
☐ \$80,000 – \$99,999
☐ \$100,000 or more

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CROSS-COUNTRY CARRY



A 50-state review of concealed-carry laws across the U.S.!

BY JEREMY D. CLOUGH



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Although all 50 states now allow some form of concealed carry, the laws governing it are as different as the states themselves.

The following is a general overview of each state's laws on issuing permits, as well as whether or not they issue permits to non-residents and if they recognize permits from other states. While "reciprocity" is a term of art, I've used it here in the more general sense of whether or not one state will recognize another state's permit. The exact terms of the reciprocity offered are, of course, different for each state. Just because a state recognizes some out-of-state permits doesn't mean it recognizes one from your state, so you'll need to check that. Other restrictions to be aware of are ammunition- or magazine-capacity laws as well as the law of self-defense for each state. Included are links to official sources in each state, as well as the citation for its CCW statute, to serve as starting points for the additional research you should do to make sure you obey the law.

What follows is not legal advice. For that you must contact an attorney licensed in that state who specializes in this area of law. This article is not intended to answer all the questions you need to ask, but to tell you where to look for the answers you need.

Be aware that laws change constantly, and new ones often become effective at unpredictable times. Many states have changed their CCW laws in the past year (you'll see notes on some of these changes and when they will become effective), and there's no guarantee that they won't change again by the time this gets to press and into your hands. Further complicating things, available information, even when it comes from state agencies, may be conflicting. While the information in this article came from state government sources (including directly from the most recently published statutes), do not rely on this or any other unofficial source. Verify all information prior to traveling. And if you have any doubt at all about carrying, don't do it.

Carrying a concealed weapon is all about taking responsibility for yourself, and an important part of that is the responsibility to know and obey the law when you do it so that you can protect yourself from criminals without becoming one. Self-defense, at its core, is about maintaining the status quo of your life, without allowing it to be degraded in terms of your freedom (going to jail), financial obligations (getting sued) and physical integrity (getting hurt). If you break the law, you may not lose your life, but you very well may lose your freedom, including your right to protect yourself with a firearm for the rest of your life. Stay informed, and stay legal.

ALABAMA

www.ago.alabama.gov/Page-Gun-Reprocity-Law%20

Statute: Code of Ala. § 13A-11-75

Issuing Authority: County Sheriff

Cost: Varies by jurisdiction and length of time for which permit is issued

Length: 1-5 years • **Terms Of Issuance:** Shall issue

Reciprocity: Yes • **Out Of State Permits:** No

Note: Law rewritten extensively, effective August 1, 2013. While Alabama used to only recognize those states that reciprocally recognize their permit, it now recognizes any carry permit.

ALASKA

dps.state.ak.us/Statewide/PermitsLicensing/concealedhandguns.aspx

Statute: Alaska Statutes 18.65.700

Issuing Authority: Department of Public Safety, apply at State Trooper office

Cost: Up to \$99 initial, \$30 renewal

Length: Up to 5 years (expires on the person's birthday in the fifth year following issuance)

Terms Of Issuance: Shall issue

Reciprocity: Yes • **Out Of State Permits:** No

Note: While a permit is available, none is required to carry concealed in Alaska.

ARIZONA

www.azdps.gov/Services/Concealed_Weapons/

Statute: A.R.S. § 13-3102, 13-3112

Issuing Authority: Department of Public Safety, Concealed Weapons Permits Unit

Cost: \$60 initial/\$43 renewal • **Length:** 5 years

Terms Of Issuance: Shall issue

Reciprocity: Yes • **Out Of State Permits:** Yes

Note: While a permit is available, none is required to carry a weapon in Arizona. Consult state laws on where and how weapons may be carried.

ARKANSAS

asp.arkansas.gov/services-and-programs/detail/concealed-handgun-licensing

Statute: A.C.A. § 5-73-309

Issuing Authority: Department of State Police

Cost: \$100 plus other costs if under 65 years of age, \$50 plus other costs if over 65. Renewals are \$35 plus other costs.

Length: 5 years • **Terms Of Issuance:** Shall issue

Reciprocity: Yes

Out Of State Permits: No

Note: Effective August 16, 2013, while Arkansas used to only recognize those states that reciprocally recognized its permit, it now recognizes any valid carry permit from another state.

CALIFORNIA

oag.ca.gov/firearms

Statute: Cal Pen Code § 26150, 26155

Issuing Authority: County Sheriff or Chief of Police

Cost: Varies • **Length:** 2 years max for civilian permit

Terms Of Issuance: May issue • **Reciprocity:** N/A

Out Of State Permits: State code appears to allow county sheriff to grant a permit to one not residing in their county if their primary place of business is there and they spend a "substantial period of time" there.

COLORADO

www.colorado.gov/pacific/cbi/chpstatutes

Statute: C.R.S. 18-12-203

Issuing Authority: County Sheriff

Cost: No more than \$100 initial, \$50 renewal plus other fees

Length: 5 years • **Terms Of Issuance:** Shall issue

Reciprocity: Yes, but appears to apply only to resident permits

Out Of State Permits: No

Note: Effective July 1, 2013, Colorado banned the acquisition of magazines that contain over 15 rounds. Unlike the nationwide ban in 1994, when magazines manufactured prior to the ban were still regularly sold after it went into effect, in Colorado magazines manufactured before the ban appear to be "grandfathered in" only if you actually



possessed them prior to the ban and maintained continuous possession of them since that time.

CONNECTICUT

www.ct.gov/despp/cwp/view

asp?a=4213&q=494614&desppNav_GID=2080

Statute: Conn. Gen. Stat. § 29-28

Issuing Authority: Chief of Police, Warden or First Selectman for temporary permit. Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection (State Police) for state permit and for non-residents.

Cost: \$140 initial plus other fees, \$70 renewal.

Length: 5 years for state, 60 days for temporary permit

Terms Of Issuance: May issue • **Reciprocity:** No

Out Of State Permits: Yes, but statute appears to require that non-residents already be permitted by another jurisdiction.

Note: Must apply locally for a temporary permit prior to eligibility for a state permit. Out-of-state applicants should apply directly to Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection (State Police). On April 5, 2013, new restrictions took effect on certain firearms designated as "assault weapons," as well as magazines containing more than 10 rounds.

DELAWARE

courts.delaware.gov/Superior/weapons.stm

Statute: 11 Del. C. § 1441

Issuing Authority: Prothonotary of Superior Court

Cost: \$65 initial/renewal

Length: 2 years initial, 3 upon renewal

Terms Of Issuance: May issue • **Reciprocity:** Yes

Out Of State Permits: The Attorney General has authority to issue a short-term permit to non-residents under very limited circumstances.

Note: Statute allows three-year initial permit/five-year renewal, but procedural rules only allow two- and three-year options, respectively.

FLORIDA

www.freshfromflorida.com/#Concealed-Weapons

Statute: Fla. Stat. § 790.06

Issuing Authority: Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

Cost: \$112 initial, \$60 renewal (\$102 renewal for non-resident)

Length: 7 years • **Terms Of Issuance:** Shall issue

Reciprocity: Yes • **Out Of State Permits:** Yes

Note: Reciprocity appears to apply only to those with permits issued by their state of residence. Effective July 1, 2014, the law was changed to allow for the appointment of tax collectors to receive CCW applications.

GEORGIA

dps.georgia.gov/georgias-firearm-permit-reciprocity (reciprocity information only)

Statute: O.C.G.A. § 16-11-129

Issuing Authority: Judge of County Probate Court

Cost: \$30 initial/renewal plus additional fees that vary by county, \$1 for temporary renewal permit

Length: 5 years • **Terms Of Issuance:** Shall issue

Reciprocity: Yes • **Out Of State Permits:** No

Note: Georgia passed a sweeping concealed-carry reform bill that became effective in July 1, 2014. It clarified and dramatically increased the areas where permit holders could carry, long a grey area in Georgia law, and allowed churches to opt in to permit concealed carry.

HAWAII

www.honolulu.gov/information/index.php?page=gunmain

Statute: HRS § 134-9 • **Issuing Authority:** Chief of Police

Cost: \$10 • **Length:** 1 year

Terms Of Issuance: May issue "in an exceptional case"

Reciprocity: No

Out Of State Permits: Appears to be provided for in statute

Note: Permits appear to be limited to carrying in the counties

in which they are issued. No residency requirement appears in the statute, which also authorizes permits for certain foreign nationals.

IDAHO

www.ag.idaho.gov/concealedWeapons/concealedWeapons_index.html

Statute: Idaho Code § 18-3302, § 18-3302K

(enhanced permit)

Issuing Authority: County Sheriff

Cost: \$20 initial, \$15 renewal plus additional fees

Length: 5 years • **Terms Of Issuance:** Shall issue

Reciprocity: Yes • **Out Of State Permits:** Yes

Note: Effective July 1, 2013, an "enhanced" permit became available, which is issued to residents or to non-residents who already have a permit in their state of residence.

ILLINOIS

ccl4illinois.com/ccw/public/home.aspx

Statute: 430 ILCS 66/10

Issuing Authority: Department of State Police

Cost: \$150 for resident, \$300 for non-resident, \$75 renewal

Length: 5 years • **Terms Of Issuance:** Shall issue

Reciprocity: No

Out Of State Permits: Yes, if state of residence has substantially similar weapons laws

Note: Concealed carry passed in Illinois in July of 2013, with some minor changes to the law in December 2013. Non-residents who have permits from another state are not prohibited from transporting a concealed firearm within their vehicle in Illinois, but they may not remove the gun from their vehicle and may not leave it unsecured if they exit the vehicle.

INDIANA

www.in.gov/isp/2828.htm

Statute: Indiana Code § 35-47-2-3

Issuing Authority: Superintendent of State Police through local chief law enforcement officer (Chief of Police/Sheriff)

Cost: \$40-\$125 plus fingerprints for unlimited license.

(Qualified license is only for hunting and target shooting.)

Length: 4 years or lifetime • **Terms Of Issuance:** Shall issue

Reciprocity: Yes • **Out Of State Permits:** Yes

Note: Out-of-state permits appear to only be issued to those with a regular place of business in Indiana. Some minor changes to the law were enacted on July 1, 2014.

IOWA

www.dps.state.ia.us/asd/weapon_permits.shtml

Statute: Iowa Code § 724.11

Issuing Authority: County Sheriff, or Commissioner of

Public Safety for out-of-state applicants

Cost: \$50 initial, \$25 renewal

Length: 5 years non-professional, 1 year professional or duration of employment for some LE professional permits

Terms Of Issuance: Shall issue • **Reciprocity:** Yes

Out Of State Permits: Yes, but professional permit only

Note: Contact Commissioner of Public Safety for out-of-state and some professional permits.

KANSAS

ag.ks.gov/public-safety/concealedcarry

Statute: K.S.A. § 75-7c05

Issuing Authority: Attorney General through County Sheriff

Cost: \$132.50 initial, \$25 renewal • **Length:** 4 years

Terms Of Issuance: Shall issue

Reciprocity: Yes • **Out Of State Permits:** No

Note: Some minor changes to the law took effect in 2013, including rules on concealed carry in certain government buildings. Another law took effect July 1, 2014, requiring the Attorney General to create signs to be used to prohibit open carry, concealed carry or both.

KENTUCKY

www.kentuckystatepolice.org/conceal.htm

Statute: KRS § 237.110

Issuing Authority: State Police through County Sheriff

Cost: \$60 initial, \$60 renewal • **Length:** 5 years

Terms Of Issuance: Shall issue

Reciprocity: Yes • **Out Of State Permits:** No

Note: Some changes to the statute became effective in July 15, 2014, including a provision that allows for electronic applications and one allowing those moving into the state with permits from their prior states of residence to carry for 120 days after becoming a Kentucky resident.

LOUISIANA

www.lsp.org/handguns.html

Statute: La. R.S. 40:1379.3

Issuing Authority: Deputy Secretary of Department of Public Safety and Corrections

Cost: \$25 per year initial and renewal, with possible additional fees for initial license including a one-time \$50 for those who have not resided in the state for the 15 years prior to application. Annual license cost reduced by half for those 65 and older. Lifetime license requires 20-year prepayment for those under age 65, and 10-year prepayment for those over 65.

Length: 5 years or lifetime, with statutory provision for less than 5 years. Proof of training required every 5 years for lifetime license.

Terms Of Issuance: Shall issue

Reciprocity: Yes • **Out Of State Permits:** No

Note: Some elements of the law changed January 1, 2014, including elements related to mental health records and procedures. A provision reducing fees for service members and veterans went into effect July 4, 2014.

MAINE

www.maine.gov/dps/msp/licenses/weapons_permits.html

Statute: 25 M.R.S. § 2003

Issuing Authority: Varies by area of residence (Mayor/Municipal Authority, Chief of Local Police or Chief of State Police)

Cost: \$35 initial, \$20 renewal (\$60 initial/renewal for non-residents)

Length: 4 years • **Terms Of Issuance:** Shall issue

Reciprocity: Yes • **Out Of State Permits:** Yes

MARYLAND

www.mdsp.org/Organization/SupportServicesBureau/LicensingDivision/MainLicensingPage/LicensingandRegistration/Firearms/WearandCarryPermit.aspx

Statute: Md. Public Safety Code Ann. § 5-306

Issuing Authority: Secretary of State Police

Cost: \$75 initial, \$50 renewal, plus other fees



Length: 2 years initial, 3 years renewal
Terms Of Issuance: Statute reads “shall issue” but requires a “good and substantial” reason
Reciprocity: No
Out Of State Permits: Appears to provided for in statute
Note: Certain training requirements for new permits and renewals took effect October 1, 2013.

MASSACHUSETTS

www.mass.gov/eopss/firearms-reg-and-laws/
Statute: ALM GL ch. 140, § 131
Issuing Authority: Local licensing authority or Colonel of State Police
Cost: \$100 • **Length:** 5-6 years • **Terms Of Issuance:** May issue
Reciprocity: No • **Out Of State Permits:** Yes
Note: There are three different versions of the Massachusetts CCW statute. One is in effect until January 1, 2015, a second one is in effect from January 1, 2015, until January 1, 2021 (which is the one covered above), and a third that goes into effect January 1, 2021. Temporary permits for non-residents appear to only be available for firearms competition.

MICHIGAN

www.michigan.gov/msp/0,4643,7-123-1591_3503_4654-10953--,00.html
Statute: MCLS § 28.422
Issuing Authority: County Concealed Weapon Licensing Board
Cost: \$105 initial, \$105 renewal • **Length:** 4-5 years
Terms Of Issuance: Shall issue • **Reciprocity:** Yes
Out Of State Permits: No
Note: Reciprocity does not appear to be extended to non-resident permits. Some minor changes took effect June 24, 2014. Some other changes became effective December 21, 2014, though none affect the above information.

MINNESOTA

www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=624.714
Statute: Minn. Stat. § 624.714
Issuing Authority: County Sheriff
Cost: \$100 initial (or less), \$75 renewal (or less)
Length: 5 years • **Terms Of Issuance:** Shall issue
Reciprocity: Yes • **Out Of State Permits:** Yes

MISSISSIPPI

www.dps.state.ms.us/firearms/firearms-permit-unit/
Statute: Miss. Code Ann. § 45-9-101
Issuing Authority: Department of Public Safety
Cost: \$132 initial, \$82 renewal (Renewal fee is \$25 for resident over 65, with possible other fees.)
Length: 5 years • **Terms Of Issuance:** Shall issue
Reciprocity: Yes
Out Of State Permits: Yes. (The statute allows residency requirement to be waived, but the DPS website, however, says it does not issue non-resident permits.)
Note: Effective July 1, 2014, disabled veterans are exempt from the application and renewal fees.

MISSOURI

ago.mo.gov/Concealed-Weapons/ (reciprocity information only)
Statute: § 571.101 R.S.Mo.
Issuing Authority: County or City Sheriff (or designee)
Cost: \$100 initial (or less), \$50 renewal (or less)
Length: 3 years if issued prior to August 28, 2013, and 5 years if later.
Terms Of Issuance: Shall issue
Reciprocity: Yes • **Out Of State Permits:** No
Note: A series of minor yet pervasive changes became effective on August 28, 2014.

MONTANA

doj.mt.gov/enforcement/concealed-weapons/
Statute: Mont. Code Anno., § 45-8-321

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Issuing Authority: County Sheriff
Cost: \$50 initial, \$25 renewal with possible additional \$5 fingerprint fee
Length: 4 years • **Terms Of Issuance:** Shall issue
Reciprocity: Yes • **Out Of State Permits:** No

NEBRASKA

statepatrol.nebraska.gov/ConcealedCarry.aspx
Statute: R.R.S. Neb. § 69-2433
Issuing Authority: State Patrol
Cost: \$100 initial, \$50 renewal
Length: 5 years • **Terms Of Issuance:** Shall issue
Reciprocity: Yes • **Out Of State Permits:** No

NEVADA

www.lvmpd.com/Permits/ConcealedFirearms/tabid/124/Default.aspx
www.nvrepository.state.nv.us/ccw_changes.shtml (reciprocity only)
Statute: Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 202.3657
Issuing Authority: County Sheriff
Cost: \$60 initial, \$25 renewal plus additional fees
Length: 5 years • **Terms Of Issuance:** Shall issue
Reciprocity: Yes • **Out Of State Permits:** Yes

NEW HAMPSHIRE

www.nh.gov/safety/divisions/nhsp/ssb/permitslicensing/plupr.html
Statute: RSA 159:6
Issuing Authority: Local policing agency for residents, State Police for non-residents
Cost: \$10 resident, \$100 non-resident
Length: Not less than 4 years • **Terms Of Issuance:** Shall issue
Reciprocity: Yes • **Out Of State Permits:** Yes
Note: Reciprocity not extended to permits issued by a state in which the permit holder does not reside.

NEW JERSEY

www.state.nj.us/njsp/about/fire_ag2.html
Statute: N.J. Stat. § 2C:58-4, N.J.A.C. 13:54-2.1
Issuing Authority: Apply to Chief Police Officer or Superintendent of State Police, but issued by Superior Court
Cost: \$20 • **Length:** 2 years
Terms Of Issuance: May issue
Reciprocity: No • **Out Of State Permits:** Yes
Note: While the statute says that the Superior Court “shall” issue a permit, it will do so only if “satisfied that the applicant...has a justifiable need to carry.”

NEW MEXICO

www.dps.state.nm.us/index.php/nm-concealed-carry/
Statute: N.M. Stat. Ann. § 29-19-4
Issuing Authority: Department of Public Safety
Cost: Not more than \$100 initial plus fingerprint fee, \$75 renewal
Length: 4 years, with refresher course required after 2 years.
Terms Of Issuance: Shall issue
Reciprocity: Yes • **Out Of State Permits:** No

NEW YORK

www.troopers.ny.gov/Firearms/
Statute: NY CLS Penal § 400.00
Issuing Authority: County or city licensing officer or Superintendent of State Police.
Cost: Varies by geographic location
Length: Varies by geographic location, but all permits must be recertified to the division of State Police every 5 years.
Terms Of Issuance: May issue
Reciprocity: Statute does not appear to provide for reciprocity
Out Of State Permits: Unclear, but appears to be a possibility
Note: Some changes to the concealed-carry law were made in 2013, including provisions keeping certain records from public disclosure, and a statewide license and record database was created effective January 15, 2014. In January 2013, as a reaction to the

murders at Sandy Hook Elementary School, New York quickly passed an extensive gun control law that included a ban on magazines holding more than seven rounds, a poorly-thought-out measure that effectively criminalized even law enforcement officers who possessed such magazines. Since that time, portions of the statute have been suspended. The state of the law, however, is very fluid. If you plan on passing through any part of New York while carrying a firearm, it would be wise to contact an attorney for legal advice.

NORTH CAROLINA

www.ncdoj.gov/about-doj/law-enforcement-training-and-standards/law-enforcement-liason/concealed-weapon-reciprocity.aspx (reciprocity information only)
Statute: N.C. Gen. Stat. § 14-415.12
Issuing Authority: County Sheriff
Cost: \$80 initial plus up to \$10 for fingerprints, \$75 renewal
Length: 5 years • **Terms Of Issuance:** Shall issue
Reciprocity: Yes • **Out Of State Permits:** No

NORTH DAKOTA

www.ag.nd.gov/BCI/CW/CW.htm
Statute: N.D. Cent. Code, § 62.1-04-03
Issuing Authority: Bureau of Criminal Investigation/Attorney General
Cost: \$60 initial plus fingerprints and \$50 testing fee, \$60 renewal plus additional testing fees for Class 1 license.
Length: 5 years • **Terms Of Issuance:** Shall issue
Reciprocity: Yes • **Out Of State Permits:** Yes
Note: Several changes went into effect on August 1, 2013, including, per the Attorney General's office, that all North Dakota licenses issued to residents of non-reciprocal states are now invalid.

OHIO

www.ohioattorneygeneral.gov/ConcealedCarry.aspx/?from=nav
Statute: ORC Ann. 2923.125 • **Issuing Authority:** County Sheriff
Cost: \$67 initial plus other possible fees, \$50 renewal plus other possible fees
Length: 5 years • **Terms Of Issuance:** Shall issue
Reciprocity: Yes • **Out Of State Permits:** No
Note: Certain minor changes to the law, which appear to relate to mental health issues, were made in June of 2014 and September 17, 2014.

OKLAHOMA

www.ok.gov/osbi/Concealed_Weapons_Licensing/
Statute: 21 Okl. St. § 1290.12
Issuing Authority: State Bureau of Investigation
Cost: \$100 initial for 5 years, \$85 renewal plus no more than \$25 for fingerprints; \$200 initial for 10 years, \$170 renewal
Length: 5 years or 10 years • **Terms Of Issuance:** Shall issue
Reciprocity: Yes • **Out Of State Permits:** No
Note: Temporary permits are available for those who have been given a domestic abuse protective order. The law was updated in 2014 to allow for the payment of application fees via electronic funds transfer, and made minor changes to the renewal rules.

OREGON

licenseinfo.oregon.gov/index.cfm?fuseaction=license_seng&link_item_id=14705
Statute: ORS § 166.291 • **Issuing Authority:** County Sheriff
Cost: \$65 for initial, \$50 renewal
Length: 4 years • **Terms Of Issuance:** Shall issue
Reciprocity: No • **Out Of State Permits:** Yes
Note: Some minor elements of the law will change January 2, 2016. In March of 2014, some changes were approved that affect eligibility for those with prior marijuana arrests.

PENNSYLVANIA

www.portal.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt?open=512&objID=4451&&PageID=462424&level=2&css=L2&mode=2
Statute: 18 Pa.C.S. § 6109

Issuing Authority: County Sheriff or Chief of Police
Cost: \$20 (statute has an additional \$5 fee that was set to expire in 2010)
Length: 5 years • **Terms Of Issuance:** Shall issue
Reciprocity: Yes
Out Of State Permits: Yes (must have permit in state of residence, if available)

RHODE ISLAND

www.riag.ri.gov/documents/bci/pistols.pdf
Statute: R.I. Gen. Laws § 11-47-11, 18
Issuing Authority: Attorney General, or local authorities including board of police commissioners/Chief or Superintendent Of Police, Town Clerk, etc.
Cost: \$40 • **Length:** 4 years • **Terms Of Issuance:** May issue
Reciprocity: No (Limited reciprocity extended to those passing through the state without delay, and appears to only apply in their vehicle.)
Out Of State Permits: Yes
Note: While the Attorney General may issue a permit based on a “proper showing of need” under 11-47-18, 11-47-11 provides that local licensing authorities shall issue a permit to a “suitable person” with a “good” or “proper reason” for seeking a license.

SOUTH CAROLINA

www.sled.sc.gov/cwp.aspx?MenuID=CWP
Statute: S.C. Code Ann. § 23-31-215
Issuing Authority: South Carolina Law Enforcement Division
Cost: \$50 initial or renewal, plus up to \$5 for fingerprints
Length: 4 years • **Terms Of Issuance:** Shall issue
Reciprocity: Yes
Out Of State Permits: Only if applicant owns real property in South Carolina

SOUTH DAKOTA

sdsos.gov/services-for-individuals/concealed-pistol-permits/default.aspx
Statute: S.D. Codified Laws § 23-7-7
Issuing Authority: Secretary of State through County Sheriff
Cost: \$10 • **Length:** 5 years • **Terms Of Issuance:** Shall issue
Reciprocity: Yes • **Out Of State Permits:** No

TENNESSEE

www.tn.gov/safety/handgunmain.shtml
Statute: Tenn. Code Ann. § 39-17-1351
Issuing Authority: Tennessee Department of Safety/Highway Patrol
Cost: \$115 initial plus \$5 or less for fingerprints, \$50 renewal
Length: 4 years (changing to 5 years)
Terms Of Issuance: Shall issue
Reciprocity: Yes • **Out Of State Permits:** Yes
Note: Out-of-state permits appear to only be provided to those who are regularly employed in the state. Pursuant to a change in the law approved in May 2014, the length of the permit will change to 5 years, and other changes in the length of the permit are authorized so that permit and driver's license renewal will coincide on the license holder's birthday in the same year. It has until January 1, 2016, to be fully implemented.

TEXAS

www.txdps.state.tx.us/administration/crime_records/chl/chlsindex.htm
Statute: Tex. Gov't Code § 411.172
Issuing Authority: Department of Public Safety
Cost: \$140 initial, \$70 renewal with some possible reductions including 50-percent reduction for those over 60 years of age or indigent
Length: First birthday after 4th anniversary of initial issuance, 5 years for renewal
Terms Of Issuance: Shall issue
Reciprocity: Yes • **Out Of State Permits:** Yes
Note: Effective January 1, 2014, applicants are not required to submit their Social Security number.

UTAH

www.publicsafety.utah.gov/bci/concealedfirearms.html

Statute: Utah Code Ann. § 53-5-704

Issuing Authority: Department of Public Safety, Bureau of Criminal Identification

Cost: \$41 initial (\$51 for out of state), \$15 renewal (all)

Length: 5 years • **Terms Of Issuance:** Shall issue

Reciprocity: Yes

Out Of State Permits: Yes (must have permit in state of residence)

Note: Effective July 1, 2014, the application fee for residents dropped from \$46 to \$41.

VERMONT

ago.vermont.gov/divisions/criminal-division/gun-laws.php

Statute: 13 V.S.A. § 4003

Issuing Authority: No permit required

Cost: N/A • **Length:** N/A • **Terms Of Issuance:** N/A

Reciprocity: N/A • **Out Of State Permits:** N/A

Note: No permit required for concealed carry.

VIRGINIA

www.vsp.state.va.us/Firearms.shtm

Statute: Va. Code Ann. § 18.2-308.02

Issuing Authority: Circuit Court

Cost: \$50 or less, \$100 or less for out of state

Length: 5 years • **Terms Of Issuance:** Shall issue

Reciprocity: Yes

Out Of State Permits: Yes (apply to State Police)

WASHINGTON

www.atg.wa.gov/ConcealedWeapons.aspx

Statute: Rev. Code Wash. (ARCW) § 9A.1.070

Issuing Authority: Chief of Police/Sheriff

Cost: \$36 initial with additional fees, \$32 renewal

Length: 5 years • **Terms Of Issuance:** Shall issue

Reciprocity: Yes • **Out Of State Permits:** Yes

WEST VIRGINIA

www.wvago.gov/gunrecep.cfm

Statute: W. Va. Code § 61-7-4

Issuing Authority: County Sheriff

Cost: \$75 plus additional \$25 fee

Length: 5 years • **Terms Of Issuance:** Shall issue

Reciprocity: Yes • **Out Of State Permits:** No

Note: Some minor changes became effective June 4, 2014.

WISCONSIN

www.doj.state.wi.us/dles/cib/conceal-carry/concealed-carry

Statute: Wis. Stat. § 175.60

Issuing Authority: Department of Justice

Cost: Less than \$37 plus cost of background check initial (currently \$40 total), less than \$12 plus cost of background check renewal (currently \$25 total).

Length: 5 years • **Terms Of Issuance:** Shall issue

Reciprocity: Yes • **Out Of State Permits:** No

Note: Certain minor changes to the statute became effective in March and April of 2014.

WYOMING

wyomingdci.wyo.gov/dci-criminal-justice-information-systems-section/concealed-firearms-permits

Statute: Wyo. Stat. § 6-8-104

Issuing Authority: Attorney General though County Sheriff

Cost: \$74 for initial plus possible other fees, \$50 renewal

Length: 5 years • **Terms Of Issuance:** Shall issue

Reciprocity: Yes

Out Of State Permits: Yes (Applicant must be licensed to carry elsewhere, but the statute does not appear to require that the license be from applicant's state of residence.)

Note: Though one is available, no permit is required to carry concealed in Wyoming as long as eligibility requirements are met.

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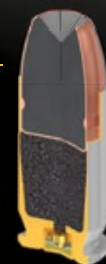
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The list of handguns suitable for concealed carry continues to grow each year, and this time around our buyer's guide has new entries in calibers ranging from .380 all the way up to .45 ACP. Most of the latest models are built for pocket carry, and one of them doesn't even need the pocket!

There are multiple categories that fall under the umbrella of "pocket pistol," and some are not as ideally suited for carry in a trouser pocket as others. Models that should be carried in a belt holster, an inside-the-waistband (IWB) rig, shoulder or ankle holster actually comprise the greatest number of pistols, while those physically dedicated to fitting a holster carried in a front pocket are lim-

ited to a few dozen handguns in calibers all the way up to .45 ACP.

While there is far greater diversity among the concealed-carry handguns available today, the old standards are still popular and plentiful. Snub-nose .38 Special revolvers from Smith & Wesson, Charter Arms and Ruger are still in demand, while traditional .380 autos from Colt, Walther, Sig Sauer and Bersa all remain staples of small- to medium-caliber concealment. At the same time, modern manufacturing techniques and new lightweight materials have increased the number of lightweight, medium- to large-caliber models exponentially, and in just the past few years a handful of new designs have emerged that would have been considered impossible a decade ago.

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Empty Weight: 15-23.5 ounces
Capacity: 6+1
Finish: Stainless steel/black Cerakote
MSRP: \$285-\$324

HC-380

Caliber: .380 ACP
Empty Weight: 26 ounces
Capacity: 13+1
Finish: Stainless steel • **MSRP:** \$330

AMERICAN DERRINGER

American Derringer DA

Caliber: .38 Special, 9mm, .357, .40
Empty Weight: 14.5 ounces
Capacity: 2 • **Finish:** Satin
MSRP: \$690-\$740

American Derringer LM4 (Semmerling)

Caliber: .45 ACP
Empty Weight: 24 ounces
Capacity: 5 • **Finish:** Satin • **MSRP:** \$4,250

American Derringer LM5

Caliber: .25 Auto, .32 H&R Magnum
Empty Weight: 15 ounces
Capacity: 7 • **Finish:** Satin • **MSRP:** \$710

American Derringer M-4 Alaskan Survival

Caliber: .45 Colt/.410
Empty Weight: 16.5 ounces
Capacity: 2 • **Finish:** Satin, stainless
MSRP: \$760

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Armscor TAC 1911 Compact

Caliber: 9mm, .45 ACP
Empty Weight: 35.6/34.6 ounces
Capacity: 8+1/7+1 • **Finish:** Parkerized
MSRP: \$450-\$487

BERETTA

Beretta Nano

Caliber: 9mm
Empty Weight: 19.8 ounces
Capacity: 6+1, 8+1
Finish: Matte black, FDE, Ranger Green, Rosa
MSRP: \$445-\$657

Beretta Pico

Caliber: .380 ACP
Empty Weight: 11.5 ounces
Capacity: 6+1
Finish: Matte stainless slide/ matte black frame
MSRP: \$398-\$405

Beretta Px4 Storm Subcompact

Caliber: 9mm, .40 S&W
Empty Weight: 26.1 ounces
Capacity: 13+1 (9mm) 10+1 (.40 S&W)
Finish: Matte black • **MSRP:** \$575-\$582

BERSA

Bersa BPCC

Caliber: .380 ACP, 9mm, .40 S&W
Empty Weight: 21.5 ounces
Capacity: 8+1 (.380, 9mm), 7+1 (.40)
Finish: Matte blue, two-tone, olive drab
MSRP: \$420-\$440

Bersa Thunder .380

Caliber: .380 ACP
Empty Weight: 20 ounces • **Capacity:** 7
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Bersa Thunder .380 Combat

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Capacity: 8+1
Finish: Matte black, satin nickel
MSRP: \$335-\$345

Bersa Thunder Ultra Compact Pro

Caliber: 9mm, .40 S&W, .45 ACP
Empty Weight: 23 ounces (9mm, .40) 27 ounces (.45 ACP)
Capacity: 13+1 (9mm), 10+1 (.40) 7+1 (.45)
Finish: Matte blue, two-tone
MSRP: \$490-\$501

BOBERG

NEW! Boberg XR45-S

Caliber: .45 ACP
Empty Weight: 22 ounces • **Capacity:** 6+1

Finish: Onyx, platinum, two-tone
MSRP: \$1,199-\$1,399

Boberg XR9-L

Caliber: 9mm
Empty Weight: 18.5 ounces • **Capacity:** 7+1
Finish: Onyx, platinum, two-tone
MSRP: \$1,049-\$1,399

Boberg XR9-S

Caliber: 9mm
Empty Weight: 17.4 ounces
Capacity: 7+1
Finish: Onyx, platinum, two-tone
MSRP: \$1,049

Boberg XR9-S Platinum/Onyx

Caliber: 9mm
Empty Weight: 17.5 ounces
Capacity: 7+1 • **Finish:** Various
MSRP: \$1,349

BOND ARMS

Bond BackUp Over/Under

Caliber: .45 ACP
Empty Weight: 19 ounces
Capacity: 2
Finish: Matte black frame, matte grey barrels
MSRP: \$410

Bond Mini .45

Caliber: .45 ACP
Empty Weight: 19 ounces
Capacity: 2 • **Finish:** Stainless steel
MSRP: \$395

Bond USA Defender

Caliber: 9mm, .40, 10mm, .45 ACP, .45 LC/.410 • **Empty Weight:** 21 ounces
Capacity: 2 • **Finish:** Stainless steel
MSRP: \$504

CHARTER ARMS

Charter .357 Magnum Pug

Caliber: .357 Mag/.38 Special +P
Empty Weight: 23 ounces
Capacity: 5 • **Finish:** Blued • **MSRP:** \$396

Charter Bulldog

Caliber: .44 Special
Empty Weight: 21 ounces
Capacity: 5 • **Finish:** Blued • **MSRP:** \$405

Charter On/Off Duty

Caliber: .38 Special +P
Empty Weight: 12 ounces
Capacity: 5 • **Finish:** Satin
MSRP: \$410-\$411



Charter Pit Bull .45

NEW! Charter Pit Bull .45

Caliber: .45 ACP
Empty Weight: 22 ounces • **Capacity:** 5
Finish: Matte stainless • **MSRP:** \$489

Charter Pit Bull

Caliber: 9mm, .40 S&W
Empty Weight: 22 ounces/20 ounces
Capacity: 6/5 • **Finish:** Matte stainless
MSRP: \$465

Charter Undercover Lite DAO

Caliber: .38 Special +P
Empty Weight: 12 ounces
Capacity: 5 • **Finish:** Anodized Pink
MSRP: \$428

Charter Undercoverette

Caliber: .32 H&R Magnum
Empty Weight: 16 ounces
Capacity: 5 • **Finish:** Stainless
MSRP: \$378

CHIAPPA

NEW! Chiappa MC 14

Caliber: .380 ACP
Empty Weight: 26 ounces
Capacity: 13+1 • **Finish:** Matte black
MSRP: \$499

Chiappa Model 27E Alloy

Caliber: 9mm
Empty Weight: 25.7 ounces
Capacity: 15+1
Finish: Steel slide, alloy frame, black
MSRP: \$499

Chiappa Rhino 2-Inch

Caliber: .357/.40 S&W
Empty Weight: 25 ounces
Capacity: 6 • **Finish:** Black, nickel
MSRP: \$990-\$1,025

COBRA

Cobra Big Bore Derringer

Caliber: .38 Special, .380 ACP, 9mm
Empty Weight: 14 ounces
Capacity: 2 • **Finish:** Various • **MSRP:** \$187

BUYER'S GUIDE

Cobra CA32/CA380

Caliber: .32 ACP, .380 ACP
Empty Weight: 22 ounces
Capacity: 6+1 (.32) 5+1 (.380)
Finish: Various • **MSRP:** \$129

NEW! Cobra Denali

Caliber: .380 ACP
Empty Weight: 17 ounces • **Capacity:** 5+1
Finish: Matte black, tan, Cerakote
MSRP: \$139

COLT

Colt Defender

Caliber: 9mm, .45 ACP
Empty Weight: 24-25 ounces
Capacity: 8+1 (9mm) 7+1 (.45 ACP)
Finish: Matte stainless
MSRP: \$973

Colt Mustang Lite

Caliber: .380 ACP
Empty Weight: 11.5 ounces
Capacity: 6+1
Finish: Stainless slide, black frame
MSRP: \$528

Colt Mustang Pocketlite

Caliber: .380 ACP
Empty Weight: 12.5 ounces
Capacity: 6+1
Finish: Stainless steel and aluminum alloy
MSRP: \$698

Colt Mustang XSP

Caliber: .380 ACP
Empty Weight: 11.8 ounces
Capacity: 6+1
Finish: Matte black, stainless slide
MSRP: \$672

Colt New Agent SA

Caliber: .45 ACP
Empty Weight: 22.5 ounces
Capacity: 7+1 • **Finish:** Blued
MSRP: \$1,078

Colt New Agent SA w/Crimson Trace

Caliber: .45 ACP
Empty Weight: 23 ounces
Capacity: 7+1 • **Finish:** Blued
MSRP: \$1,366

CZ-USA

CZ 2075 RAMI B

Caliber: 9mm, .40 S&W
Empty Weight: 25 ounces
Capacity: 10+1/14+1 (9mm), 7+1/9+1 (.40)
Finish: Matte black, alloy frame
MSRP: \$614-\$633

CZ 2075 RAMI BD

Caliber: 9mm
Empty Weight: 25 ounces
Capacity: 14+1 • **Finish:** Matte black
MSRP: \$680

Dan Wesson ECO

Caliber: 9mm/.45 ACP
Empty Weight: 24 ounces
Capacity: 7+1



Finish: Matte black
MSRP: \$1,623-\$1,662

DIAMONDBACK FIREARMS

DB380

Caliber: .380 ACP
Empty Weight: 8.8 ounces
Capacity: 6+1
Finish: Matte black, two-tone, FDE
MSRP: \$394-\$499

DB380 CTC

Caliber: .380 ACP
Empty Weight: 8.8 ounces
Capacity: 6+1
Finish: Matte black, two-tone, FDE
MSRP: \$654

NEW! DB380SL

Caliber: .380 ACP
Empty Weight: 8.8 ounces
Capacity: 6+1 • **Finish:** Two-tone
MSRP: \$354

DB9/DB9 Stainless

Caliber: 9mm • **Empty Weight:** 11 ounces
Capacity: 6+1
Finish: Matte black, stainless, FDE
MSRP: \$431-\$489

EUROPEAN AMERICAN ARMORY (EAA)

EAA Witness Pavona

Caliber: .380 ACP, 9mm, .40 S&W
Empty Weight: 30.4 ounces
Capacity: 13+1 (.380, 9mm) 9+1 (.40)
Finish: Sparkling polymer, various colors
MSRP: \$476-\$528

EAA Witness Polymer Carry

Caliber: 9mm, 10mm, .40 S&W, .45 ACP
Empty Weight: 29 ounces
Capacity: 17+1 (9mm), 14+1 (10mm, .40), 10+1 (.45)
Finish: Matte black
MSRP: \$691

EAA Witness Polymer Compact

Caliber: 9mm, 10mm, 40 S&W, .45 ACP
Empty Weight: 28 ounces
Capacity: 14+1 (9mm), 12+1 (10mm, .40), 8+1 (.45)
Finish: Matte black • **MSRP:** \$571

EAA Witness Steel Compact

Caliber: 9mm, 10mm, .40 S&W, .45 ACP
Empty Weight: 30 ounces
Capacity: 17+1 (9mm), 14+1 (10mm, .40), 10+1 (.45)
Finish: Matte stainless
MSRP: \$607

EAA SAR K2P

Caliber: 9mm • **Empty Weight:** 28.8 ounces
Capacity: 16+1 • **Finish:** Matte black
MSRP: \$459

EAA Windicator 2-Inch

Caliber: .38 Special, 357 Mag.
Empty Weight: 28.8 ounces (.38 Spl.), 30.4 ounces (.357 Mag.)
Capacity: 6 • **Finish:** Blued, stainless
MSRP: \$325-\$422

FMK

FMK 9C1 G2

Caliber: 9mm, .40, .45 • **Weight:** 23.45 ounces
Capacity: 14+1 • **Finish:** Black, OD, FDE, grey, pink • **MSRP:** \$400

FN AMERICA

FNS Compact

Caliber: 9mm, .40 S&W
Empty Weight: 23.4-25.8 ounces
Capacity: 12+1 (9mm), 10+1 (.40)
Finish: Matte black
MSRP: \$599-\$649

GLOCK

Glock 26/27 Gen4

Caliber: 9mm, .40 S&W
Empty Weight: 21 ounces
Capacity: 10+1 (9mm), 9+1 (.40)
Finish: Black, surface hardened
MSRP: \$649

Glock 29 SF/Gen4

Caliber: 10mm Auto
Empty Weight: 26.83 ounces
Capacity: 10+1
Finish: Black, surface hardened
MSRP: \$637, \$687

Glock 30 SF/Gen4

Caliber: .45 ACP
Empty Weight: 26 ounces
Capacity: 10+1
Finish: Black, surface hardened
MSRP: \$637, \$687

Glock 30S

Caliber: .45 ACP
Empty Weight: 22.95 ounces
Capacity: 10+1
Finish: Black, surface hardened
MSRP: \$637

Glock 33 Gen4

Caliber: .357 SIG
Empty Weight: 21.89 ounces
Capacity: 9+1
Finish: Black, surface hardened
MSRP: \$649

Glock 36

Caliber: .45 ACP
Empty Weight: 22.42 ounces
Capacity: 6+1
Finish: Black, surface hardened
MSRP: \$637

Glock 39

Caliber: .45 G.A.P.

Empty Weight: 24.18 ounces
Capacity: 6+1
Finish: Black, surface hardened
MSRP: \$614

Glock 42

Caliber: .380 ACP
Empty Weight: 13.76 ounces
Capacity: 6+1
Finish: Black, surface hardened
MSRP: \$480

HECKLER & KOCH

HK45 Compact

Caliber: .45 ACP
Empty Weight: 28.5 ounces
Capacity: 8+1 • **Finish:** Blued
MSRP: \$1,193-\$1,260

HK P30 Compact

Caliber: 9mm, .40 S&W
Empty Weight: 26.8 ounces
Capacity: 15+1, 13+1
Finish: Blued • **MSRP:** \$1,054

HK P2000/P2000 SK

Caliber: 9mm, .40 S&W, .357 Sig
Empty Weight: 23.8 ounces
Capacity: 13+1 (9mm), 9+1 (.40, .357)
Finish: Blued • **MSRP:** \$799

HK USP Compact

Caliber: 9mm, .40 S&W, .45 ACP
Empty Weight: 23.8, 27, 28 ounces
Capacity: 13+1 (9mm), 12+1 (.40), 8+1 (.45)
Finish: Blued • **MSRP:** \$992-\$1,108

HI-POINT

C-9

Caliber: 9mm
Empty Weight: 29 ounces
Capacity: 8+1, 10+1
Finish: Matte black • **MSRP:** \$189

CF-380

Caliber: 380 ACP
Empty Weight: 29 ounces
Capacity: 8+1
Finish: Matte black • **MSRP:** \$151

HIGH STANDARD/AMT

AMT .38 Super/.40/9mm Backup

Caliber: .38 Super, 9mm, .40 S&W
Empty Weight: 23-25 ounces
Capacity: 6+1 (.38, 9mm), 5+1 (.40)
Finish: Satin stainless • **MSRP:** N/A

AMT .45 ACP Backup

Caliber: .45 ACP
Empty Weight: 23 ounces
Capacity: 5+1
Finish: Satin stainless • **MSRP:** N/A

KAHR ARMS

Kahr CM9/CM40

Caliber: 9mm, .40 S&W
Empty Weight: 14-15.8 ounces
Capacity: 6+1, 5+1
Finish: Matte stainless slide, matte black frame • **MSRP:** \$460



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Kahr CT380

Kahr CM45

Caliber: .45 ACP
Empty Weight: 17.3 ounces
Capacity: 5+1
Finish: Matte stainless slide, matte black frame • **MSRP:** \$460

NEW! KAHR CT380

Caliber: .380 ACP
Empty Weight: 11.4 ounces
Capacity: 7+1
Finish: Matte stainless slide • **MSRP:** \$399

Kahr CW380

Caliber: .380 ACP
Empty Weight: 10.2 ounces • **Capacity:** 6+1
Finish: Matte stainless slide, matte black frame
MSRP: \$419

Kahr MK9 Elite/MK40 Elite

Caliber: 9mm, .40 S&W
Empty Weight: 22.1-23.1 ounces
Capacity: 6+1, 5+1
Finish: Matte stainless slide, matte black frame
MSRP: \$855-\$932

Kahr P380/P380 Black

Caliber: .380 ACP
Empty Weight: 9.97 ounces • **Capacity:** 6+1
Finish: Matte stainless slide, matte black frame
MSRP: \$649-\$690

Kahr P380 Crimson Trace

Caliber: .380 ACP
Empty Weight: 9.97 ounces • **Capacity:** 6+1
Finish: Matte stainless slide, matte black frame
MSRP: \$799

Kahr P380 LCI

Caliber: .380 ACP
Empty Weight: 9.97 ounces • **Capacity:** 6+1
Finish: Matte stainless slide, matte black frame
MSRP: \$733

Kahr PM9/PM40

Caliber: 9mm, .40 S&W
Empty Weight: 14-15.8 ounces
Capacity: 6+1, 7+1/5+1, 6+1
Finish: Matte stainless slide, matte black frame
MSRP: \$786

Kahr PM45/PM Black

Caliber: .45 ACP
Empty Weight: 17.3 ounces • **Capacity:** 5+1
Finish: Matte stainless slide, matte black frame
MSRP: \$855-\$903

KEL-TEC

Kel-Tec P-11

Caliber: 9mm • **Empty Weight:** 14 ounces
Capacity: 10+1
Finish: Blued, Parkerized, hard chromed
MSRP: \$333-\$390

Kel-Tec P-3AT

Caliber: .380 ACP
Empty Weight: 8.3 ounces
Capacity: 6+1
Finish: Blued, Parkerized, hard chromed
MSRP: \$318-\$377

Kel-Tec P-32

Caliber: .32 ACP
Empty Weight: 6.6 ounces
Capacity: 7+1
Finish: Blued, Parkerized, hard chromed
MSRP: \$318-\$377

Kel-Tec PF-9

Caliber: 9mm
Empty Weight: 12.7 ounces
Capacity: 7+1
Finish: Blued, Parkerized, hard chromed
MSRP: \$333-\$390

KIMBER

Kimber Eclipse Ultra Carry II

Caliber: .45 ACP
Empty Weight: 25 ounces • **Capacity:** 7+1
Finish: Matte black • **MSRP:** \$919

Kimber Master Carry Ultra/Master Series CTC

Caliber: .45 ACP
Empty Weight: 25 ounces • **Capacity:** 7+1
Finish: Satin silver frame, matte black slide
MSRP: \$1,568

NEW! Kimber Micro Advocate/Micro Raptor

Caliber: .380 ACP
Empty Weight: 13.4 ounces
Capacity: 6+1
Finish: Two-tone/black frame/stainless
MSRP: \$796-\$960

Kimber RCP Ultra II (LG)

Caliber: .45 ACP
Empty Weight: 25 ounces • **Capacity:** 7+1
Finish: Matte gray • **MSRP:** \$1,651

NEW! Kimber Micro Sapphire

Caliber: .380 ACP
Empty Weight: 13.4 ounces
Capacity: 6+1
Finish: Matte silver/sapphire blue
MSRP: \$960

Kimber Sapphire Ultra II/Sapphire Pro II

Caliber: 9mm
Empty Weight: 25-28 ounces
Capacity: 8+1, 9+1
Finish: Two-tone, matte silver/blued
MSRP: \$1,652

Kimber Stainless Ultra Raptor II

Caliber: .45 ACP • **Empty Weight:** 25 ounces
Capacity: 7+1 • **Finish:** Satin silver
MSRP: \$1,415

NEW! Kimber Onyx Ultra II

Caliber: 9mm/.45 ACP
Empty Weight: 25 ounces
Capacity: 8+1/7+1 • **Finish:** Silver/black
MSRP: \$1,652

Kimber Super Carry Ultra+

Caliber: .45 ACP
Empty Weight: 27 ounces • **Capacity:** 8+1
Finish: KimPro II • **MSRP:** \$1,596

Kimber Super Carry Ultra HD

Caliber: .45 ACP
Empty Weight: 32 ounces

Capacity: 7+1 • **Finish:** KimPro II
MSRP: \$1,699

NEW! Kimber Solo Crimson Carry

Caliber: 9mm
Empty Weight: 17 ounces
Capacity: 6+1
Finish: Two-tone, stainless • **MSRP:** \$1,073

NEW! Kimber Solo Sapphire

Caliber: 9mm • **Empty Weight:** 17 ounces
Capacity: 6+1
Finish: Stainless steel/bright blue PVD
MSRP: \$1,291

Kimber Tactical Ultra II

Caliber: .45 ACP
Empty Weight: 25 ounces • **Capacity:** 7+1
Finish: Matte black • **MSRP:** \$1,317

Kimber Ultra Aegis II

Caliber: 9mm
Empty Weight: 25 ounces • **Capacity:** 8+1
Finish: Two-tone, matte silver/blued
MSRP: \$1,331

Kimber Ultra Carry II

Caliber: .45 ACP/9mm
Empty Weight: 25 ounces
Capacity: 7+1/8+1
Finish: Blued, stainless
MSRP: \$919-\$1,066

Kimber Ultra CDP II

Caliber: .45 ACP, 9mm
Empty Weight: 25 ounces • **Capacity:** 7+1
Finish: Matte black frame, silver satin slide
MSRP: \$1,331 (.45) \$1,359 (9mm)
\$1,631 w/Lasergrips

Kimber Ultra Covert II

Caliber: .45 ACP
Empty Weight: 25 ounces • **Capacity:** 7+1
Finish: Matte black slide, dark earth frame
MSRP: \$1,657

MAGNUM RESEARCH

MRI Baby Desert Eagle II Compact

Caliber: 9mm
Empty Weight: 33.9 ounces
Capacity: 12+1
Finish: Matte black • **MSRP:** \$656

MRI Desert Eagle 1911 Undercover

Caliber: .45 ACP
Empty Weight: 25.8 ounces
Capacity: 6+1
Finish: Matte black • **MSRP:** \$946

NORTH AMERICAN ARMS

NAA Black Widow

Caliber: .22 Mag., .22 LR
Empty Weight: 8.8 ounces • **Capacity:** 5
Finish: Stainless steel • **MSRP:** \$281-\$334

NAA Guardian .25

Caliber: .25 NAA
Empty Weight: 13.5 ounces
Capacity: 6+1
Finish: Stainless steel • **MSRP:** \$402

NAA Guardian .32

Caliber: .32 ACP, .32 NAA
Empty Weight: 13.57 ounces
Capacity: 6+1
Finish: Stainless steel • **MSRP:** \$402-\$449

NAA Guardian .380

Caliber: .380 ACP
Empty Weight: 18.72 ounces
Capacity: 6+1

Finish: Stainless steel • **MSRP:** \$449-\$479

NAA 22MS-HG (Holster Grip)

Caliber: .22 WMR
Empty Weight: 6.2 ounces • **Capacity:** 5
Finish: Stainless steel • **MSRP:** \$249

NAA Pug

Caliber: .22 WMR
Empty Weight: 6.4 ounces • **Capacity:** 5
Finish: Stainless steel • **MSRP:** \$314-\$334

NAA Sidewinder

Caliber: .22 WMR
Empty Weight: 6.7 ounces • **Capacity:** 5
Finish: Stainless steel • **MSRP:** \$356

PARA USA

Elite Carry

Caliber: .45 ACP
Empty Weight: 30 ounces • **Capacity:** 6+1
Finish: IonBond • **MSRP:** \$1,025

Para Elite Officer

Caliber: .45 ACP
Empty Weight: 30 ounces • **Capacity:** 7+1
Finish: IonBond • **MSRP:** \$1,025

Para Executive Carry

Caliber: .45 ACP
Empty Weight: 30 ounces • **Capacity:** 8+1
Finish: IonBond • **MSRP:** \$1,399

Para Expert Carry

Caliber: .45 ACP
Empty Weight: 30 ounces • **Capacity:** 8+1
Finish: IonBond • **MSRP:** \$799

Para LDA Carry

Caliber: 9mm, .45 ACP
Empty Weight: 30 ounces • **Capacity:** 8+1
Finish: IonBond • **MSRP:** \$1,025

Para LDA Officer

Caliber: .45 ACP
Empty Weight: 30 ounces • **Capacity:** 7+1
Finish: IonBond • **MSRP:** \$1,025

Para Warthog

Caliber: .45 ACP
Empty Weight: 30 ounces • **Capacity:** 10+1
Finish: Blued or stainless steel
MSRP: \$884-\$919

REMINGTON

Remington R1 Carry Commander

Caliber: .45 ACP
Empty Weight: 38.5 ounces
Capacity: 7+1
Finish: Satin black oxide • **MSRP:** \$1,319

ROHRBAUGH

Rohrbaugh 380s/380s Stealth

Caliber: .380 ACP
Empty Weight: 13.5 ounces
Capacity: 6+1
Finish: Stainless slide, matte black frame
MSRP: \$1,150-\$1,195

Rohrbaugh R9/R9s

Caliber: 9mm
Empty Weight: 13.5 ounces • **Capacity:** 6+1
Finish: Stainless slide, matte black frame
MSRP: \$1,150

Rohrbaugh R9s Stealth

Caliber: 9mm
Empty Weight: 13.5 ounces
Capacity: 6+1
Finish: Nitride slide, aluminum frame
MSRP: \$1,195

ROSSI

Rossi .38/.357 Magnum 2-in.
Caliber: .38 Special +P/.357 Magnum +P
Empty Weight: 24-26 ounces
Capacity: 5 (.38 Special), 6 (.357 Magnum)
Finish: Stainless steel/blued
MSRP: \$390-\$454

RUGER

Ruger LC380
Caliber: .380
Empty Weight: 17.2 ounces • **Capacity:** 7+1
Finish: Matte blue • **MSRP:** \$449-\$629

Ruger LC9
Caliber: 9mm
Empty Weight: 17.1 ounces • **Capacity:** 7+1
Finish: Matte blue • **MSRP:** \$449-\$629



Ruger LCR 9mm

NEW! Ruger LC9s Pro
Caliber: 9mm
Empty Weight: 17.2 ounces • **Capacity:** 7+1
Finish: Matte blue • **MSRP:** \$449

Ruger LCP
Caliber: .380 • **Empty Weight:** 9.65 ounces
Capacity: 6+1
Finish: Matte blue/brushed stainless
MSRP: \$389-\$575

Ruger LCR
Caliber: .38 Special +P
Empty Weight: 13.5 ounces
Capacity: 5 • **Finish:** Matte black
MSRP: \$545-\$899

NEW! Ruger LCR 9mm
Caliber: 9mm
Empty Weight: 17.2 ounces • **Capacity:** 5
Finish: Matte black • **MSRP:** \$599

Ruger LCR-22 Magnum
Caliber: .22 WMR
Empty Weight: 14.9 ounces • **Capacity:** 6
Finish: Matte black • **MSRP:** \$545

Ruger LCR-357
Caliber: .357 Mag, .38 Special
Empty Weight: 17.1 ounces
Capacity: 5
Finish: Matte black
MSRP: \$619-\$899

Ruger SR9c
Caliber: 9mm
Empty Weight: 23.4 ounces
Capacity: 10+1, 17+1
Finish: Nitrodox or stainless
MSRP: \$529

SCCY

CPX-1/CPX-2
Caliber: 9mm
Empty Weight: 15 ounces
Capacity: 10+1
Finish: Nitride or two-tone
MSRP: \$314-\$339

SIG SAUER

Sig P220 Compact
Caliber: .45 ACP
Empty Weight: 29.6 ounces
Capacity: 6+1 • **Finish:** Blued or two-tone
MSRP: \$1,142

Sig P224 Subcompact SAS/Extreme/Equinox
Caliber: 9mm, .357 SIG, .40 S&W
Empty Weight: 25.4 ounces
Capacity: 11+1 (9mm) 10+1 (.357, .40)
Finish: Black, nickel or two-tone
MSRP: \$1,029-\$1,120

Sig P238
Caliber: .380 ACP
Empty Weight: 15.2 ounces
Capacity: 6+1 • **Finish:** Blued or two-tone
MSRP: \$742-\$833

Sig P239
Caliber: 9mm, .357 SIG, .40 S&W
Empty Weight: 29.5 ounces
Capacity: 8+1 (9mm), 7+1 (.357, .40)
Finish: Blued, stainless or two-tone
MSRP: \$892-\$1,120

Sig P250
Caliber: 9mm, .357 SIG, .40 S&W, .45 ACP
Empty Weight: 24.9 ounces
Capacity: 12+1 (9mm), 9+1 (.357, .40) 6+1 (.45 ACP)
Finish: Nitron • **MSRP:** \$490-\$548

Sig P290RS
Caliber: 9mm
Empty Weight: 20.5 ounces
Capacity: 6+1, 8+1
Finish: Various • **MSRP:** \$456-\$605

Sig P320 Carry
Caliber: 9mm
Empty Weight: 26 ounces
Capacity: 15+1
Finish: Matte black • **MSRP:** \$628-\$713

Sig P938
Caliber: 9mm • **Empty Weight:** 16 ounces
Capacity: 6+1 • **Finish:** Various
MSRP: \$628-\$1,028

Sig Ultra Compact 1911
Caliber: .45 ACP
Empty Weight: 28.0 ounces
Capacity: 7+1
Finish: Stainless slide, black frame
MSRP: \$1,176

SMITH & WESSON

S&W Bodyguard 380 (integral laser)
Caliber: .380 ACP
Empty Weight: 11.85 ounces
Capacity: 6+1
Finish: Matte black • **MSRP:** \$419

S&W M&P Bodyguard 380
Caliber: .380 ACP
Empty Weight: 12 ounces
Capacity: 6+1
Finish: Matte black • **MSRP:** \$379

S&W M&P Bodyguard 380 Crimson Trace
Caliber: .380 ACP
Empty Weight: 12.3 ounces
Capacity: 6+1
Finish: Matte black • **MSRP:** \$449

S&W M&P Bodyguard 38 Crimson Trace
Caliber: .38 Special +P
Empty Weight: 14.4 ounces • **Capacity:** 5
Finish: Matte black • **MSRP:** \$539

S&W M&P Shield
Caliber: 9mm, .40 S&W
Empty Weight: 19 ounces
Capacity: 8+1, 7+1
Finish: Stainless slide, matte black frame
MSRP: \$449-\$589

S&W M&P 9c
Caliber: 9mm
Empty Weight: 21.7 ounces
Capacity: 12+1
Finish: Black, Dark Earth, carbon fiber
MSRP: \$569

S&W M&P 40c/40c CT
Caliber: .40 S&W
Empty Weight: 21.9 ounces
Capacity: 10+1
Finish: Black, Dark Earth, carbon fiber
MSRP: \$569-\$829

S&W Model 36 (Chief's Special)
Caliber: .38 Special +P
Empty Weight: 19.5 ounces
Capacity: 5 • **Finish:** Blued • **MSRP:** \$749

S&W Model 327 Performance Center 2-Inch
Caliber: .357 Mag, .38 Special +P
Empty Weight: 21.4 ounces
Capacity: 8 • **Finish:** Matte black
MSRP: \$1,309

S&W Model 340PD
Caliber: .357 Mag, .38 Special +P
Empty Weight: 12 ounces
Capacity: 5 • **Finish:** Matte black
MSRP: \$1,019

S&W M&P 340/340 CT
Caliber: .357 Mag, .38 Special +P
Empty Weight: 12 ounces • **Capacity:** 5
Finish: Matte black • **MSRP:** \$869-\$1,129

S&W Model 351PD
Caliber: .22 WMR
Empty Weight: 10.8 ounces • **Capacity:** 7
Finish: Matte black • **MSRP:** \$759

S&W Model 442/442 w/o Internal Lock
Caliber: .38 Special +P
Empty Weight: 15 ounces
Capacity: 5 • **Finish:** Matte Black
MSRP: \$449

S&W Model 627
Caliber: .357 Mag, .38 Special +P
Empty Weight: 37.6 ounces • **Capacity:** 8
Finish: Matte stainless • **MSRP:** \$1,079

S&W Model 637 Airweight/637 CT
Caliber: .38 Special +P
Empty Weight: 15-15.3 ounces
Capacity: 5 • **Finish:** Matte silver
MSRP: \$469-\$699

S&W Model 638 Airweight
Caliber: .38 Special +P
Empty Weight: 15.1 ounces • **Capacity:** 5
Finish: Matte silver • **MSRP:** \$469

NEW! S&W 642 LaserMax
Caliber: .38 Special +P
Empty Weight: 23 ounces • **Capacity:** 5
Finish: Stainless steel • **MSRP:** \$539



Springfield XD Mod.2 9mm

S&W Model 649
Caliber: .357 Magnum, .38 Special +P
Empty Weight: 23 ounces • **Capacity:** 5
Finish: Stainless steel • **MSRP:** \$729

SPRINGFIELD ARMORY

Springfield 1911 Range Officer Compact
Caliber: .45 ACP
Empty Weight: 28.5 ounces • **Capacity:** 6+1
Finish: Matte black • **MSRP:** \$989

Springfield EMP
Caliber: 9mm, .40 S&W
Empty Weight: 27 ounces (9mm) 33 ounces (.40)
Capacity: 9+1 (9mm) 8+1 (.40)
Finish: Stainless steel slide, matte black frame
MSRP: \$1,345

Springfield XD Compact
Caliber: .45 ACP
Empty Weight: 29 ounces • **Capacity:** 10+1
Finish: Black or Bi-Tone • **MSRP:** \$600-\$666

Springfield XD Sub-Compact
Caliber: 9mm, .40 S&W
Empty Weight: 26 ounces
Capacity: 13+1 (9mm) 9+1 (.40)
Finish: Matte black or Bi-Tone
MSRP: \$549-\$555

Springfield XD(M) 3.8
Caliber: 9mm, .40 S&W
Empty Weight: 28 ounces
Capacity: 19+1 (9mm) 16+1 (.40)
Finish: Matte black or Bi-Tone
MSRP: \$697-\$763

Springfield XD(M) Compact
Caliber: 9mm, .40 S&W
Empty Weight: 28 ounces
Capacity: 13+1 (9mm), 11+1 (.40)
Finish: Matte black or Bi-Tone
MSRP: \$705-\$769

NEW! Springfield XD Mod.2
Caliber: 9mm • **Empty Weight:** 26 ounces
Capacity: 13+1
Finish: Matte black or Bi-Tone
MSRP: \$549-\$616

Springfield XD-S 4.0
Caliber: 9mm, .45 ACP
Empty Weight: 23.5-25 ounces
Capacity: 7+1, 5+1
Finish: Matte black or Bi-Tone
MSRP: \$599-\$669

STEYR ARMS

Steyr C-A1
Caliber: 9mm
Empty Weight: 27.02 ounces
Capacity: 17+1
Finish: MannoX • **MSRP:** \$560

Steyr S9-A1/S40-A1
Caliber: 9mm, 40 S&W



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Empty Weight: 23.24 -23.73 ounces
Capacity: 10+1 • **Finish:** MannoX
MSRP: \$560

STI INTERNATIONAL

STI Duty One 3.0

Caliber: 9mm, .45 ACP
Empty Weight: 31.6 ounces
Capacity: 8+1 (9mm), 6+1 (.45 ACP)
Finish: Matte blue • **MSRP:** \$1,499

STI Duty One Lt. 3.0

Caliber: 9mm, .45 ACP
Empty Weight: 25.5 ounces
Capacity: 8+1 (9mm) 6+1 (.45 ACP)
Finish: Matte blue • **MSRP:** \$1,599

STI Elektra

Caliber: 9mm, .45 ACP
Empty Weight: 22.8 ounces
Capacity: 7+1 (9mm), 6+1 (.45 ACP)
Finish: Stainless slide, aluminum frame
MSRP: \$1,399

STI Elektra CTC Master Series

Caliber: 9mm, .45 ACP
Empty Weight: 22.8 ounces
Capacity: 7+1 (9mm), 6+1 (.45 ACP)
Finish: Stainless slide, aluminum frame
MSRP: \$1,699

STI Escort

Caliber: 9mm, .45 ACP
Empty Weight: 22.7 ounces
Capacity: 7+1 (9mm) 6+1 (.45 ACP)
Finish: Cerakote frame, blued slide
MSRP: \$1,299

STI Lawman 3.0

Caliber: 9mm, .38 Super, .45 ACP
Empty Weight: 30.1 ounces
Capacity: 17+1 (9mm), 14+1 (.40), 11+1 (.45)
Finish: Cerakote frame, blued slide
MSRP: \$1,399

STI Tactical SS 3.0

Caliber: 9mm, .38 Super, .45 ACP
Empty Weight: 34.4 ounces
Capacity: 17+1 (9mm, .38 Super), 11+1 (.45)
Finish: Matte blue
MSRP: \$1,899

TAURUS

Taurus 85 View

Caliber: .38 Special
Empty Weight: 9 ounces
Capacity: 5 • **Finish:** Matte stainless
MSRP: \$599

Taurus 85 PLY

Caliber: 38 Special +P
Empty Weight: 18.2 ounces
Capacity: 5 • **Finish:** Stainless or blued
MSRP: \$356-\$371

Taurus 605 PLY

Caliber: .357 Mag, .38 Special.
Empty Weight: 19.75 ounces
Capacity: 5 • **Finish:** Stainless or blued
MSRP: \$356-\$371

Taurus 380 IB Revolver

Caliber: .380 ACP
Empty Weight: 15.5 ounces
Capacity: 5
Finish: Stainless or blue
MSRP: \$433-\$473

Taurus 738 TCP

Caliber: .380 ACP
Empty Weight: 10.2 ounces • **Capacity:** 6+1
Finish: Stainless or blue slide, black or pink frame
MSRP: \$265-\$310

NEW! Taurus Curve

Caliber: .380 ACP
Empty Weight: 10.2 ounces
Capacity: 6+1 • **Finish:** Matte black
MSRP: \$392

Taurus Judge Public Defender Polymer

Caliber: .45 Colt / .410
Empty Weight: 27 ounces
Capacity: 5 • **Finish:** Stainless or matte black
MSRP: \$483-\$513

Taurus Model 25

Caliber: .25 ACP
Empty Weight: 12.3 ounces
Capacity: 9+1
Finish: Nickel, blued or matte black
MSRP: \$256-\$271

Taurus Model 650 CIA (Hammerless)

Caliber: .357 Mag, .38 Special

Empty Weight: 23.9-24.2 ounces
Capacity: 5 • **Finish:** Blued • **MSRP:** \$512
Taurus Model 850 CIA (Hammerless)
Caliber: .38 Special +P
Empty Weight: 23.4 ounces
Capacity: 5 • **Finish:** Blued • **MSRP:** \$431

Taurus Millennium G2

Caliber: 9mm
Empty Weight: 22 ounces
Capacity: 10+1
Finish: Matte black
MSRP: \$301-\$316

Taurus Slim 709/740

Caliber: .380 ACP, 9mm, .40 S&W
Empty Weight: 19 ounces
Capacity: 7+1 (.380, 9mm) 6+1 (.40)
Finish: Stainless or blued
MSRP: \$483-\$498

WALTHER

Walther CCP

Caliber: 9mm
Empty Weight: 22.24 ounces
Capacity: 8+1
Finish: Two-tone or Cerakote
MSRP: \$469-\$489



Walther PK380

Caliber: .380 ACP
Empty Weight: 19.4 ounces
Capacity: 8+1 • **Finish:** Black or two-tone
MSRP: \$399-\$489

Walther PPK, PPK/S

Caliber: .22 LR, .380 ACP
Empty Weight: 22.4 ounces
Capacity: 10+1, 7+1, 6+1
Finish: Stainless or blued
MSRP: \$399-\$629

Walther PPQ M2

Caliber: 9mm, .40 S&W
Empty Weight: 24 ounces
Capacity: 15+1 (9mm), 11+1 (.40)
Finish: Matte black • **MSRP:** \$649-\$749

Walther PPS

Caliber: 9mm, .40 S&W
Empty Weight: 20.8 ounces
Capacity: 7+1 (9mm), 6+1 (.40)
Finish: Matte blue • **MSRP:** \$599

Walther PPX

Caliber: 9mm/.40 S&W
Empty Weight: 27.2 ounces
Capacity: 16+1 (9mm), 14+1 (.40)
Finish: Matte blue or two-tone
MSRP: \$449

WILSON COMBAT

Wilson Combat Bill Wilson Carry

Caliber: .45 ACP
Empty Weight: 35 ounces
Capacity: 7+1 • **Finish:** Various
MSRP: N/A

Wilson Combat Sentinel

Caliber: 9mm
Empty Weight: 31.7 ounces
Capacity: 8+1
Finish: Armor-Tuff • **MSRP:** N/A

Wilson Combat Ultralight Carry Compact

Caliber: .38 Super, 9mm, .45 ACP
Empty Weight: 26.5 ounces
Capacity: 7+1
Finish: Armor-Tuff • **MSRP:** N/A

Wilson Combat Ultralight Carry Sentinel and Ms. Sentinel

Caliber: 9mm
Empty Weight: 25.2-26.8 ounces
Capacity: 8+1
Finish: Armor-Tuff • **MSRP:** N/A

Wilson Combat Super Sentinel

Caliber: .38 Super
Empty Weight: 25.2 ounces
Capacity: 8+1
Finish: Armor-Tuff • **MSRP:** N/A

Wilson Combat X-TAC Compact

Caliber: .45 ACP
Empty Weight: 33.8 ounces
Capacity: 7+1
Finish: Armor-Tuff
MSRP: N/A

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